

BULLETIN & REVIEW

Table of Contents

Vaad Officers.....	2
Award Recipients.....	3
President's Report.....	4
Executive Director's Report.....	4
Professional and Support Staff.....	23
Board of Trustees.....	24

Standing Committees

Audit.....	8
Community Relations Committee.....	6
Foundation for Jewish Education.....	9
Holocaust Remembrance.....	10
Individual and Group Services.....	8
Israel Teen Trip Subsidies.....	10
Jewish Community Campus.....	10
Jewish Community Cemeteries.....	5
Ladies Reception Committee.....	8
Multiple Appeals.....	8
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review.....	7
Ottawa Jewish Community Fdn.....	9
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society.....	7
Panel on Jewish Education.....	6
Planning, Priorities & Budget.....	10
Project Renewal.....	6
Shalom Ottawa.....	7
Shalom Welcome Service.....	10
Soviet Jewry.....	8
United Jewish Appeal.....	5
United Jewish Appeal-Women.....	5
Women's Federation.....	9
Young Leadership Development.....	7

Agencies and Institutions

Akiva High School.....	11
Camp B'nai Brith.....	13
Camp Gesher.....	13
Jewish Community Centre.....	11
Jewish Social Services Agency.....	12
Jewish Students Union-Hillel.....	12
Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged.....	12
Ottawa Modern Jewish School.....	12
Ottawa Talmud Torah Board.....	11
Ottawa Vaad Hekashruth.....	13
Star of David Hebrew School.....	13
Talmud Torah Afternoon School.....	11
Tamir Foundation.....	13

Affiliated Organizations

Adath Shalom Congregation.....	21
Agudath Israel Congregation.....	17
Agudath Israel Sisterhood.....	19
Beth Shalom West Congregation.....	22
Beth Shalom West Sisterhood.....	20
B'nai Brith Bytown Lodge.....	22
B'nai Brith Lodge 885.....	21
B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge.....	15
B'nai Brith Women (Simcha).....	21
Canada-Israel Foundation (Academic).....	14
Canada-Israel Cultural Fdn.....	19
Canadian Assoc. of Ben-Gurion U.....	18
Canadian Society for Weizmann Inst.....	17
Congregation Beth Shalom.....	16
Congregation Machzikei Hadas.....	14
Emunah Mizrahi Women.....	16
Habonim-Dror.....	16
Hadassah-WIZO Council.....	20
Israel Program Centre.....	19
Jewish National Fund.....	18
Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood.....	22
Ma'monides.....	21
Na'Amat Pioneer Women.....	15
Na'Amat Nitz Chapter.....	15
Ottawa Chevra Kadisha.....	15
Ottawa Torah Institute.....	22
Ottawa Women's ORT.....	18
Peace Now.....	17
State of Israel Bonds.....	14
State of Israel Bonds, Women.....	14
Temple Israel.....	17
Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge.....	20
Young Israel of Ottawa.....	18
Young Israel Sisterhood.....	20



JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF OTTAWA OTTAWA VAAD HA'IR

Reports of Standing Committees Agencies and Institutions and Affiliated Organizations

to be presented to the

16th Annual General Meeting

of the

Jewish Community of Ottawa

coinciding with the

56th Annual General Meeting

of the

Jewish Community Council

Wednesday evening, June 13, 1990

20 Sivan, 5750

Jewish Community Centre
151 Chapel Street
Ottawa, Ontario



Dr. Eli Rabin
President



Dr. Maureen Molot
First Vice-President



Lorry Greenberg
Second Vice-President

Officers 1989-90
Jewish Community
Council
of Ottawa
Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir



Dr. Bernard Dolansky
Treasurer



Lawrence Greenberg
Honourary Secretary



Stephen Victor, Q.C.
Immediate Past President

Gilbert Greenberg 1990 awardees

Palmers to receive the community's highest honor

By Cynthia Engel

Bertha and Abe Palmer, a distinguished couple whose individual and combined efforts have contributed greatly to the growth and well-being of the Ottawa Jewish Community, have been named to receive the coveted Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award for 1990.

The designation of the Palmers as this year's honorees was announced by Dr. Eli Rabin, president of the Jewish Community Council and Stephen Victor, Q.C., chairman of the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

The Gilbert Greenberg Award is the highest tribute which the Jewish Community can give to an individual for exceptional service over many years. It bears the name of Past President Gilbert Greenberg who exemplified the qualities of leadership which the award seeks to recognize each year.

The Palmers are the first couple to be so honored.

Initiated in 1980, the Gilbert Greenberg Award was first presented to the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha. The late Lawrence Freiman was the recipient in 1981. He was followed by Hyman Gould in 1982; Thomas Sachs in 1983; Norman Zagerman in 1984; the late Hy Hochberg in 1985; Sol B. Shinder in 1986; Hyman Soloway in 1987; Greta Cohen in 1988; and the Hon. Justice Abraham H. Lief in 1989.

The formal presentation will be made to Bertha and Abe Palmer at the Annual Meeting of the Community on Wednesday evening, June 13. The meeting marks the 56th anniversary of the founding of the organization in 1934.

The eldest of the 10 children born to late Moses and Rose Palmer, Abe Palmer grew up in a religious household. Yiddish was the language spoken at home, and it was only when he entered the public school system that he learned English.

His father, who was deeply committed to Judaism, served for many years as vice president of Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, then located on Murray St. Shortly after completion of the facility, when the fledgling congregation needed new members, Moses Palmer signed up his 16-year-old son. Abe still maintains an affiliation with that congregation, among others, today.

When he was 11, the Palmer family

moved from Billings Bridge — in those years a totally separate community — back into Ottawa where Abe attended Rideau St. Public School, then located on what was to become the site of the Jewish Community Centre.

In 1936, Abe opened Palmer's Plumbing Supply, a business that, through hard work and meticulous attention to detail, prospered. In 1965 the successful enterprise was bought out by Westburne International.

Abe Palmer has virtually a lifetime of commitment to the Ottawa Jewish community. A past president of the Jewish Community Council (1971-73) and founding president of the Ottawa Modern Jewish School (1954), today he still sits on the school's board as honorary director.

Involved in Jewish communal life since his youth, in 1931 he founded AZA in Ottawa and several years later served as president of B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge. A past vice chairman of UJA, he also served for two terms as chairman of the State of Israel Bonds Drive.

Abe has given of himself in the general community as well. He is a past chairman of the Plumbing Division, Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating and has served as a business consultant for the Federal Business Development Bank (1979-85). For many years he also found the time to assist in fundraising campaigns for the Salvation Army, Red Feather, Red Cross and Carleton University.

He is currently a board member of the Royal Ottawa Hospital and, since 1986, has been a director of the Canadian Institute for the Blind, Eastern Ontario Region.

Bertha Palmer came to her communal involvement via a somewhat different route. Born in Navazibkoff, White Russia, the daughter of the late Joseph and Sonia Leikin arrived in Canada as a teenager.

Although the anti-Semitism suffered by her parents never touched her personally, she still remembers the difficult times following the revocation. The memories of her life in Russia made her realize that her new found freedom had an attendant responsibility — to become involved in community affairs.

In addition to raising three children, she found time and energy to make her mark on the Ottawa Jewish



Abe and Bertha Palmer

community.

As founding chairman of the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal (1972) she has seen the seeds she planted and nurtured grow into a vital component of the annual community wide campaign.

She is founding chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of OMJS; a past chairman of the Women's Committee of the Vaad; past president of the Naomi Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO, a chapter founded by her aunt, Rose Leikin; and has served as a vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

In the general community, Bertha has been active on the board of the Pro Musica Society, served on the board of the Ottawa Mental Health Association and has contributed of her considerable wisdom and expertise to the Ottawa Home and School

Association.

A devoted couple, the Palmers have shared 55 years of life together, much of that time selflessly given over to the betterment of their beloved community. They unquestionably are an impressive — and very good — team.

Bertha and Abe Palmer have three children Joel married to Jo, Sunny married to John Tavel, Michael, and five grandchildren.

Under the terms of the award, the Selection Committee is composed of the past president of the Council who acts as chairman; the chairman of the Women's Federation; chairman of the Board of Rabbis; and two trustees appointed by the Executive Committee. This year's committee included Stephen Victor, Dr. Eli Rabin (ex officio), Ruth Berger, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Norman Zagerman, Sunny Tavel and Robert Greenberg.



Morris Presser named Freiman Family awardee

By Alyce Baker

Dr. Eli Rabin, president of the Jewish Community Council and Stephen Victor, chairman of the selection committee, have announced that Morris Presser has been selected to receive the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award for 1990.

This year's Freiman Family award refers to himself as 'just a simple milkman.' But, like his confrere Tevye, of *Fiddler* fame, Morris Presser's down to earth demeanour camouflages a bright, articulate, feeling and caring human being.

Arriving here in 1975 as the newly appointed general manager of Sealtest Dairies, Presser claims Ottawa as his home by choice rather than birth.

Montreal, his 'natural' home, was the learning ground for what was to become his varied communal and service-oriented involvement.

The eldest of three sons born to the late Barry and Beatrice Presser, as a child Morris would accompany his Dad on excursions assessing underprivileged people's needs for Passover.

His father, a taxi driver by profession, would pack and deliver baskets for the needy and frequently end up leaving monetary donations he could ill afford.

Morris's mother did her share as well, working over many years helping to coordinate the city's Red Feather Campaign.

Brought up with two such fine examples and the motto 'the harder you work, the more you get,' Morris resolved to do his bit for the community.

"I guess," he chuckles, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

Presser, 39, considers himself fortunate for having met people like Larry Hartman and the Taylor family when he first arrived. They helped him get actively involved.

And, in his case, involved is an understatement.

In addition to serving on the boards of the Jewish Community Council and the Jewish Community Centre, he has been affiliated with the Jewish National Fund, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai Brith, State of Israel Bonds and Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Under his chairmanship, Beth Shalom West has enjoyed a 70 per cent increase in membership over the past two years, making the congregation the fastest growing in the community.

As chair of the Vaad Council on Teens, Presser has brought to fruition the production of a major play every year for the past three years. In doing so, he helped greatly in revitalizing teen programming in the Jewish community.

Presser's concern for this community is evident when he speaks of the youth. "That is where the future leadership lies," he says. "Many of these kids will be running our community in the years to come."

Presser, who is presently chairman of National Milk Distributors, plans to sell his business shortly to become a private consultant to the industry he knows so well.

The career change will leave him more time for greater community involvement, a challenge he welcomes. He is already full of ideas and enthusiasm and, based on past performance, has the energy required to implement them.

Morris Presser lives by the credo that, during his most productive years, a man should put his private career aside to serve his community and country and, in so doing, serve his children, his neighbours and his fellow man.

Presser wishes to accept the award on behalf of his family who, he says, both understand and support his endeavours, as well as being committed members of the community themselves.

Morris and his wife, Myra, have two children, Cindy, 16 and Steven, 14.

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Community on Wednesday evening, June 13.

President's Report

Dr. Eli Rabin



The past year has been one of growth and unprecedented activity in the Ottawa Jewish community. Many organizations expanded their scope of activities and the Vaad Ha'Ir began to assume a greater role on the national scene. In January of 1990 the United Jewish Appeal Women's Leadership met in Ottawa for the first time in its history, and from June 1-3, 1990 our community hosted The National Small Community Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress. In conjunction with the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Ottawa Jewish community has engaged a full-time person to direct activities in the area of community relations. The events of the last month has made it abundantly clear, to all of us that this portfolio of activity has become a very important point of focus.

In the beginning, in June of 1989, we were privileged to receive the President of the State of Israel in our midst. As you may recall, we of the Ottawa Jewish Community were proud to see the Magen David fluttering all along Sussex Drive. Many of us had the opportunity to share an emotional moment when President Chaim Herzog was officially received by the Governor General of Canada and to hear the strains of Hatikvah gently drift across the grounds of Government House. The Ottawa Jewish Community, as always, displayed its loyalty and solidarity with the State of Israel and came in large numbers to meet and greet the President at the designated functions. It was indeed a great event for all of us.

As usual, September arrived very quickly and the United Jewish Appeal swung into high gear. Women's Division has had a record year of accomplishment and in total the United Jewish Appeal will raise well over \$3.6 million. During the year our partnership with UJA has been greatly strengthened and we have been able to set our fiscal arrangements on a par with other communities within the country. We have been beneficiaries of many important UJA programs and in particular we were able to send 21 teenagers to Poland and Israel on "The March of The Living". At the same time 21 members of our community participated in the Community Mission to Poland and Israel from April 18 to May 2nd. Under the able leadership of Sunny and John Tavel the "Mission" proved to be an enormous success both historically, culturally and materially.

For the first time a UJA "Family Mission" consisting of seven families with 34 members travelled to Israel during the month of March. The trip was an overwhelming success and we are optimistic that future missions of this kind will be organized.

The success of United Jewish Appeal in Ottawa can be traced to the very hard work of the professional staff. We must always acknowledge the dedication of all the canvassers since without the workers in the trenches the results would be wanting.

During April we celebrated Passover, the story of the Exodus of our people from the Land of Egypt, the Land of Bondage. Because of the ever-changing events in Eastern Europe, Jews are now free to leave Russia and other communist block countries. The Jews are now free to leave for Israel. Operation Exodus will finance the emigration of hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel. Although the Vaad has officially earmarked the beginning of the Opera-

tion Exodus for September 1990, events have moved so rapidly that members of our community have already made substantial commitments to this historic campaign. Our goal is to raise a minimum of 3.5 million (CAN).

Other fundraising activities in Ottawa during the past year included the Jewish National Fund Dinner at which Norman Lesh was honored and the State of Israel Bonds Dinner which honored Mr. Harry Leikin. Both events were extremely well attended and successful. In March of this year B'nai Brith honored Mayor James Durrell and this activity helped to raise funds for the numerous activities financed by their Endowment Fund.

Fundraising in the Ottawa Jewish Community is controlled by the Vaad in order to provide some degree of discipline. The Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee under the chairmanship of Lawrence Greenberg has had to wrestle with many requests for permission to launch campaigns at a time when unprecedented demands have been placed at the hands of our community. Operation Exodus, and the campaign for Future Capital Requirements are now designated as the priorities for the Ottawa Jewish Community and all other campaigns must be put on hold until these priorities are met.

The beneficiary agencies of the Vaad continue to provide excellent services to the community and have indicated that expansion of programs will be necessary to meet ever-growing needs by an ever-growing population base. Enrollment at the Hillel Academy Day School is at record levels and next year over 500 students will be enrolled. Also, at the present time, Dr. Maureen Molot is chairing a committee to look at the feasibility of establishing a Hebrew High School with a target date for commencement of operations in September 1991. Afternoon schools are flourishing and Ottawa continues to have record numbers of Jewish students receiving Jewish educations. Jewish education has been, and will continue to be a priority for our community, and expansion of the school facilities remains as an integral part of the future development of the "Campus" dream.

In the area of social services the Jewish Social Services Agency celebrated its tenth anniversary at a gala event April 28th, at which the Hon. Barbara McDougall and Mrs. Ruth Goldbloom were featured speakers. The agency has expanded its services to provide care and counselling for children and as a result the agency will become a Jewish Family Service and take its rightful place in the community as one of the major general family agencies in the Ottawa-Carleton region.

Recently it has been announced that the Tamir Foundation received a major grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services of the Ontario government. This grant should enable that agency to continue its work for the foreseeable future.

Hillel Lodge has completed its "Functional Program" and has submitted it to the Ontario Government for consideration. The Ottawa Jewish Community has set forth as one of its main priorities the construction of a new Home for the Aged. As part of the process Hillel Lodge has been preparing the proper documentation for the community and government. Funding for the new facility will be based on a partnership between the Ontario

Government and the community. A parcel of land at the "Broadview Site" has been earmarked for the new facility.

A great deal of the work that facilitates the smooth operation of the Vaad depends on the dedication of committee chairmen. This year the budgetary process has been completed in record time and we therefore congratulate Sam Wex (Chairman of the Planning, Budget and Priorities committee) and the able chairmen of the Panel on Jewish education (Richard Zuker) and Panel on Individual and Group Supervisor (Andy Katz).

In May of this year the Vaad Ha'Ir and the Chateau Laurier entered into an agreement whereby Kosher catering facilities would be established at the hotel under the Hashgachah of the Vaad Hakashrut. Members of the Jewish community may choose the catering staff of the Chateau Laurier or any of the "community caterers" for catering services at the hotel.

The Vaad has also recently tightened up the discipline of the "Community Calendar". Under the able guidance of Ruth Berger organizations have agreed to participate in maintaining the rules of the "calendar process" so that conflicts between organizations will be avoided. It is absolutely vital that we maintain clear lines of communication amongst all the organizations.

Even the Bulletin has benefited from change. With the addition of Alyce Baker, our new business manager, we have been able to whittle down a significant budgetary deficit and we are optimistic that the Bulletin operation

will soon break even. Plans are also underway to increase the efficiency of the Bulletin operation by computerization.

The Community Campus Development Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Bernard Dolansky has now constituted four sub-committees to facilitate its activities: Fundraising (Stephen Victor), Public Relations (Myra Aronson), Site Planning (Lawrence Greenberg) and Asset Acquisition (Stephen Greenberg). The committee has now focused on the acquisition of the "Kerr Avenue" site in order to provide enough property to develop the campus concept.

During the last few weeks the tranquility of our community was jolted by the vandalism and anti-Semitic desecration of our cemetery. We have acted with dignity, courage and vigour, and we will never allow our enemies to control our agenda. The overwhelming response of this community demonstrated that we are proud of our Jewishness and that we are ever-ready to take appropriate action whenever required. We also must never forget that our friends stood by us during our time of need and that when necessary we must express our gratitude in kind.

No president can function without a dedicated and active executive committee. I have been fortunate to have a group of extremely hard-working and conscientious committee members accompany me during the administrative journeys of the past year. We look forward to serving you during the coming year.

Executive Director's Report

Gerry Koffman, Executive Director



This past year has been one of unprecedented activity both in the global community and in the microcosm of Ottawa's Jewish milieu. The activity took the form of tragedy and triumph, sadness and celebration, introspection and enthusiasm.

While other sections of this Special Edition chronicle the details of our Community's frenetic pace, I wish to briefly focus upon the issues that touched us this past year.

Most recently the defacement and defilement of the Ottawa Jewish Community Cemetery was a stark reminder that there are still those who wish to reject our legitimacy as a people, who wish to deny our past and prevent our future. Our response to this violation was not only one of sadness but defiance. The Jewish Community sent out a clear message that we will not assume the role of victims but will rail against intolerance, racism and injustice. The incident also brought us a glimmer of hope. The spontaneous expression of support from the non-Jewish community showed us that we are not alone.

As part of the family of world Jewry we also rejoiced in the celebration of the mass Aliyah of Soviet Jews to Israel. After demonstrating our support in front of Embassies and Consulates over the past twenty years, the floodgates have opened. Over the course of the next year over 250,000 Soviet Jews are expected to arrive in Israel. It is a redemption of the Jewish people to their homeland, Israel, not seen since the end of the Second World War. It is the responsibility of all Jews to assist in both the rescue and resettlement of our brethren. As the first Jewish Community in Canada to publicly support the special effort being undertaken to support this mass aliyah through our financial and human contributions the Ottawa Jewish Community will meet its responsibilities head on with vigor and determination.

This past year has continued to see a rapid growth in our Community. There is a sense of dynamism and optimism prevalent as we meet the challenges of this decade. We will respond to our growing needs with responsible, deliberate decisions coupled with a vision of what kind of community we will have by the turn of the century. There is a promising future in store for the Ottawa Jewish Community, and in many ways the future is now! As we establish a higher, more visible profile on the national stage we must remember that, in addition to our unbreakable links with Israel, we must ensure a strong local Jewish community both in terms of institutions and programs to pass on to future generations.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the President, Officers, Executive and Trustees of Vaad for their dedication, commitment and support in guiding our community through these times. Their leadership serves as an example to communities across the country.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the Vaad, UJA and Foundation, for their hard work and tireless efforts. Frequently working behind the scenes the staff are often the "engine" that powers the machinery of the community.

To the community at large your combined interest and participation is not only appreciated but is the foundation of our future.

United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Stephen Greenberg, General Chairman

The 1990 United Jewish Appeal Campaign is slowly winding down. This year's goal is to achieve our financial objective of \$3,700.00, so that the needs of our local and national beneficiary agencies can be met. In addition, U.J.A. represents a partnership with the State of Israel and the Jewish agency. Fifty percent of the money raised in the Ottawa U.J.A. Campaign is sent to Israel to fund the necessary social and educational programs there.

The 1990 Campaign enjoyed many successes. In addition to increased pledges on a card for card basis of approximately 6%, I was able to welcome many new people to the Campaign Cabinet. We had another successful Canvasser Training Program and SuperWeek was once again highly successful.

In preparation for the 1990 Campaign, recruitment of the Campaign Cabinet began early in May 1989. Many new people were brought into the Cabinet creating a mix of veteran Campaign workers and younger people being groomed for increased responsibility. This structure worked well and followed the process which was begun in the 1989 Campaign. Our plan to run a fast-paced Campaign in order to finish the Campaign in a timely manner met with success. As of today we have a small number of cards which are outstanding and I am confident that the Campaign will finish successfully.

The Campaign this year had many highlights. We followed the process of having formal informative dinners for our Major Donors and for our Leaders of the Future group. The Major Donors dinner which was held in September featured Rabbi Reuven Kimmelman who is a knowledgeable and exciting speaker. Reuven Kimmelman spoke on the meaning of Tzedakah. The Leaders of the Future dinner welcomed the great Canadian orator Mr. Stephen Lewis. Mr. Lewis spoke on the importance of Jews providing leadership, not only in the Jewish Community but throughout Canada and the rest of the world.

Canvasser Training this year which was held at the home of Arnie and Liz Vered and was ably conducted by Michael Ostroff the former Campaign Director of the Montreal Combined

Jewish Appeal. Michael was scheduled to lead the training event last year but was unfortunately postponed at the last moment. This year Michael was able to join us and it was an exciting and an informative evening.

Super Sunday was a tremendous success this year. Over 100 people came down to the Jewish Community Centre to help raise money for the many United Jewish Appeal worthy causes. Our Super Week Telethon helps us to reach hundreds of donors in a very short period of time. The Super Week process this year achieved pledges of \$285,267, and increases averaged at least 10%. One of the exciting components of Super Sunday was that we received many new gifts from Community members who had decided to show their partnership with the Jewish people throughout the United Jewish Appeal for the first time.

As of today pledges are totalling well over 3.3 million dollars and I feel confident that our Campaign will finish well ahead of last year's final totals. We still have a small number of outstanding cards, but each and every one of them are necessary for the success of the Campaign and therefore must be completed. We are in the process of trying to complete these cards and if you would like to make a pledge to the 1990 United Jewish Appeal Campaign please call the office and make your donation. Your contribution to the Campaign will allow you to play a direct role in ensuring that Jewish self-destiny remains in Jewish hands.

The Super Walk which is our last major function for the 1990 Campaign is being ably chaired by Ellen and Howard Osterer and Felice and Jeff Pleet. By all indications the Walkathon should be the most successful ever. Participating in the Walkathon is a means of demonstrating solidarity with the Jewish people. I am sure that it will be a tremendous event.

In June I will have the opportunity to express my appreciation to all volunteer workers at the Kovod reception. I wish, however, at this time to express my gratitude to all the people I was privileged to work with and to all the donors of the United Jewish Appeal who have made our Community a model for others to follow.

U.J.A. Women's Division

Vera Klein, Chairman

It has proven to be a most exciting year in Women's Division, as we have gone over the half million dollar mark in pledges! We had several functions, all of them very well attended. Our opening "Canvasser Enrichment" held on July 26/89 at Rae Goldstein's home, featured Toronto speaker Judy Scheninger. Almost 50 women attended.

Our Opening Function featured keynote speaker and author, Dr. Yaffa Eliach, whose topic was "The Jewish Women — from the Shtetl, to the Suburbs, to the Corporate World." It was a lovely evening with over 225 people in attendance.

Our Leadership Brunch with the dynamic Bobi Klotz was held on September 24, 1989 at the home of Elissa Ily with 46 women present.

Not only was there wonderful participation and attendance at all functions, but at all telethons as well. We had six telethons in total, including Super Sunday. The Business and Professional Group, played an important role in the success of our telethons. We collected anywhere from \$8000 to \$28,000 in pledges at every one; that represents over \$100,000 raised at Telethons alone.

Another exciting highlight of this year, has been a significant increase of women who advanced into the Leadership Category (\$1000.00 and up). We have raised the level of expectation of giving this year. Women feel the commitment of giving \$1000.00 to the cause, and belonging in the Leadership Category.

The Business and Professional Group is thriving and continues to maintain excellence in programming. As well, B & P has been integral and fully supportive of all Women's Division activities. Our Appreciation and Installation Event was held on March 27, 1990 at the home of Cally Kardash. It was a touching and humorous evening. Our featured speaker was Julie Koschitsky of Toronto who spoke on "Operation Exodus."

The theme of this year's campaign was "The Power of One Voice," and it was utilized to the fullest, to stress the importance of every single person's contribution to our Cause.

Thank you to my entire cabinet, all past chairwomen, all canvassers, and to the Community for an exciting, enlightening and educational year!

Jewish Community Cemeteries

Israel Shinder, Chairman

The two Jewish Cemeteries have had an uneventful year from a maintenance point of view. They are well maintained by our two groundskeepers, Rick Nesrallah in the new cemetery and Fred Leclair in the old one. The creek at the rear of the old cemetery has been widened and we have been paid by the City of Gloucester for deeding over a small strip along the creek.

Our pond from which we pump water in the new cemetery was growing over with weeds and we had to drain it and excavate the accumulation of weeds and muck. Time really does fly — it is 14 years since we dug out the original. Hopefully we shall be free of maintenance surprises.

I wish to thank our members who work untiringly on behalf of their respective Synagogues, and who help me administer the two cemeteries.

For Agudath Israel
Ben Karp (Chairman)
Mel Goldberg
For Beth Shalom
Nap Kapinsky (Chairman)
Hy Gould
Rubin Kalin
Leon Leckie

For Temple Israel
Dr. Mortimer Bercovitch
For Machziki Hadas
Pinchas Pleet
For Young Israel
Dr. Norman Tenenbaum

As most of you know we hold the annual memorial service at the old cemetery on the Sunday following "Slichos". This year the date will be Sunday, Sept. 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, my thanks to Keith Jeacle and the Jewish Community staff for their support.



UJA
CAMPAIGN '90
UNITING
THE
GENERATIONS

Panel on Jewish Education

Richard Zuker, Chairman



The panel on Jewish Education is a standing committee of the Vaad Ha'Ir that involves beneficiary Jewish schools in the community in the planning and allocation process. The schools represented on the Panel are Akiva High School, Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Star of David Hebrew School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School, and Temple Israel Religious School. The Panel includes both representatives of the schools and members of the community-at-large.

One of the major responsibilities of the Panel is to address the financial concerns of the schools, primarily through the annual budgetary process. Based on budget submissions by the schools, the Panel makes recommendations for school operating grants to the Planning, Priorities, and Budget Committee for review prior to submission to the Executive Committee of the Vaad. Several years ago the Panel adopted a formula, based on student-hours, to serve as a guideline for determination of operating grants. In addition to the operating grants, all scholarships provided by the schools are funded by the Vaad. Over the last several years, the growth in community funding to the schools has been accounted for almost entirely by the scholarship grants, reflecting the Vaad's objective of giving priority to those in need.

All schools in the community are under fiscal pressure — some more than others. The Panel continues to struggle to find a balance among the various funding sources — tuition from parents, fundraising by the schools, available government grants, and operating and scholarship grants from the community — in order to achieve its objective of providing the highest quality of education to as many children as possible regardless of financial circumstances.

This year the Panel also continued to address the long-standing issue of finding an appropriate process to assess the quality of Jewish education provided by the schools. Shoshana Kurtz, senior consultant of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, addressed a joint meeting of the Panel and the Planning, Priorities, and Budget Committee on the subject.

I would like to thank the representatives of the schools, the members-at-large, and Aryeh Meir, the Director of Community Planning who serves as secretary to the Panel, for their participation.

Project Renewal

A.J. Freiman, Chairman



Our community in project renewal is called Neot Herzl. This community consists of four neighbourhoods from north to south

- 1) Ramat Herzl
- 2) Gan Brachah
- 3) Amidar
- 4) Sela

These four neighbourhoods are bounded on the east by the Tel-Aviv-Haifa highway and on the west by a road that separates all the neighbourhoods with Netanya.

There are two parts which must go together (1) Social Programs which is an overall plan emphasizing those with the greatest needs and of course the children and (2) (but not less important) physical changes to the neighbourhood.

- The agencies involved in this project are
- (1) The Jewish Agency which is our direct contact with the neighbourhood.
- (2) Ministry of Housing, which is responsible for the overall organization and much of the physical development.
- (3) The City of Netanya — they are responsible for some physical projects.

In the past we have been able to develop and deliver social programs but we have been unable to get any movement on the physical changes.

Our plan calls for a community centre to be built in the centre of the four neighbourhoods. This centre cannot be built until the Morasha school, which now has about 50 retarded students, is moved. These students are brought to the neighbourhood from Netanya and it is the Mayor's responsibility to get this move completed.

Recently Gerry Koffman and I held meetings in Netanya. We met with the Mayor and told him that we needed a commitment from him on this project or we would start looking for a new neighbourhood to twin with. The Mayor gave us an unconditional commitment to have the school vacated by the summer of 1991.

This fitted with our overall plans because it will take us that much time to get our final plans prepared for the physical changes to the Morasha site. I believe that with determination and a strong commitment from the Ottawa community it will be a great success and that we will all be proud of our association with Neot Herzl.

Community Relations Committee



Dr. Maureen Molot, Chair

The mandate of the Community Relations Committee is to deal with local and regional issues, and through the Canada-Israel Committee, to handle national and international events as they affect our community.

Before discussing the issues of importance that comprised our agenda during 1989-90, I want to acknowledge the contribution made by Lillian Laks to our Community through her responsibilities for staffing the Community Relations portfolio over the last few years. The Community Relations position has been augmented to a full-time one and Josie Finestone assumed the portfolio as of April 1, 1990.

In June 1989 the Jewish Community organized a rally on Parliament Hill for the visit of State of Israel President Chaim Herzog. Several hundred members of the community greeted the president with songs and dances on his arrival on the Hill.

Prior to the High Holidays, meetings were held with the security branches of the Ottawa and Nepean Police Forces. These were followed by meetings with synagogue presidents to discuss Yom Tov security measures. These precautionary measures are

undertaken on an annual basis.

Of great concern to the CRC are groups and issues that in any way cast aspersions against the Jewish Community or the Jewish religion or question the Holocaust. The Community expressed concern to the manager of the Central Canada Exhibition that a booth, organized by the Canadian Raelian Movement, was displaying a logo with a swastika intertwined with the Star of David; after some investigation the booth was closed.

We became aware of a Film Festival co-sponsored by the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Canadian Film Institute and the University of Ottawa where a flyer described a film by an individual from "Palestine". Our objections were stated in writing to all concerned parties.

A number of conversations and a lengthy meeting were held with Board Members of the Great Canadian Theatre Company to discuss the Company's February production of *Masada*. The play, written by author Henry Milner, contained interpretations of Jewish and Zionist history that caused considerable concern to members of the Community.

The Community Relations Commit-

tee has long had as one of its priorities attention to the activities of the local Boards of Education insofar as Board policies affect the Community. We continue to monitor meetings of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee of the Ottawa Board of Education. Of particular concern this year has been the submission of the Ottawa Palestinian Community to the MAC's proposed ethnic handbook and a decision by the Board, acting on a proposal from MAC, to permit each ethnic community to designate two holidays which will be observed by the Board along with statutory holidays as days on which meetings would not be scheduled. While the handbook remains on the agenda and we are continuing to monitor its contents, the change in Board policy with respect to holidays means that future Board activities could conceivably be organized on Jewish festivals. Many thanks to Walter Hendelman, Fern Cailan and Steve Naor who conscientiously follow OBE activities.

For the first time this year the Community Relations Committee involved itself with the Carleton Board of Education. Two representatives attended a meeting of the Educational Services Committee where a proposed policy on Race and Ethnocultural Equity was discussed. We will continue our involvement by submitting a brief to the committee.

The Community Relations Committee considers it important to support human rights issues. To this end, the Chair of the CRC wrote to the Solicitor General of Canada supporting the right of Sikhs to wear their turbans as members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The CRC is anxious to improve the relationship of the Jewish Community among local and national ethnic communities. The Community Relations Committee professional attended

meetings with the Canadian Ethnocultural Council and the National Capital Alliance on Race Relations with respect to their current and long-standing issues and our possible involvement in the future. As well, the City of Ottawa's Advisory Committee on Visible Minorities has spearheaded a Multi-cultural Centre for Ottawa. Its progress and our possible role in it will be monitored.

The Community Relations Committee, together with Congregation Agudath Israel, presented a lecture by Professor Majid Al-Haj of Haifa University on "The Middle East Peace Process — The Role of the Israeli Arab" on March 29. It is hoped that this will be the first of many such lectures organized by the CRC as part of its responsibility to provide educational opportunities to the Community.

We met with Marlene Catterail, M.P. for Ottawa West with respect to the proposed cuts to funding for Heritage Language programs, which will affect our afternoon schools.

As part of a Canadian Jewish Congress Contingent, we met with the Editorial Board of the Ottawa Citizen with respect to editorial policy vis-à-vis the concerns of the Jewish community.

Part of the Community Relations Committee's responsibility is to monitor the media, and as such, mobilized action on the School Funding issue by having dozens of letters sent to the Ottawa Citizen stating the Jewish Community's position. We also stated our objections in writing to the editor of Ottawa Magazine with regard to some anti-Semitic language that was contained in an article.

We will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to develop and foster positive relations with all those individuals and groups we relate to within the community relations mandate.



Young Leadership Development

Robert Greenberg, Chairman

The vitality of our Jewish community depends on the involvement of its members and the dynamism and vision of a community's leadership depends on the recruitment of capable and enthusiastic new volunteers. This is the goal of the Young Leadership Development program. It attempts to instill a sense of personal responsibility for the welfare and continuity of the community in its participants, to better acquaint participants with the issues faced by our community and by Jews worldwide and to impart leadership skills.

A new leadership program is currently underway. The steering committee is organizing a program that will deal with the myriad issues that face modern Jews such as anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, Jewish education, Jewish feminism, and the Jewish family.

A placement process to facilitate the entry of graduates of previous programs into volunteer positions within the community is also currently under development.

I would like to thank Cheryl Bechuk, Ian Shabinsky, Joel Zagerman, Audie Schwartz, Rhonda Groberman, Fred Selier, Leslie Greenberg, Perry Medico, Howard Osterer, and Steven Lesh for their involvement with the committee. I would also like to thank Aryeh Meir, Vaad director of Community Planning, for serving as a resource person in our deliberations.



Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Mark Max, Chairman
Cynthia Engel, Editor

The *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* is published by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa — Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and is the only vehicle within our community disseminating news of local activities as well as providing a brief overview of worldwide Jewish events. Added to the mix of local announcements/reports/fundraising efforts and JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) global news feeds are advice, reviews and commentary of our regular columnists: Sharon Drache's "Book Reviews", Cindy Engel's "Commentary", "View from the Pulpit" — a platform shared by our community rabbis; and Donna Karlin's thought for food "From Soup to Nuts". This year, we were pleased to add Deanna Silverman's "Kid Lit" to our list of regular reviewers. The Jewish Community Centre's "Centrefold" with its cultural, social and sports news for kids, teens and seniors is also a very popular monthly feature of the Bulletin.

The Bulletin averages twenty-two, 28-page issues a year, including this special June edition for the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Funded by the U.J.A., the Bulletin's circulation of 3,500 reaches almost every home in the Ottawa Jewish community via second class mail, as well as former Ottawans who have left the city, our students attending out-of-town universities and even Florida "snowbirds".

The most pressing problem facing the Committee this past year was the Bulletin's accumulated deficit. In view of the fact, that the forecasted shortfall for 1989-90 had increased by 100% since 1987, the Committee agreed that a bold and immediate initiative was needed.

In keeping with the theory that you have to spend money in order to make money the Committee decided — and the Executive of the Va'ad reaffirmed this decision — to hire a full-time Business Manager for the bulletin with the particular responsibility of increasing advertising revenue.

We were very fortunate that Alyce Baker accepted this position and she began work on August 15, 1989. Advertising revenue dramatically increased almost immediately. Our projected sales of advertising, augmented by Alyce's conception and production of Party Planning, and Home supplements, indicate that we will indeed be blessed with a very considerable increase in advertising revenue this year.

Our goal of reducing the deficit also led the Committee to review not only the income side of the ledger but also all of our current production processes and associated costs. This review reaffirmed our satisfaction with our present production house, for the typesetting, page assembly and printing of the Bulletin.

Moreover, this review pointed out an area where we could effect considerable savings in the production of the paper — namely with the installation of a computer in the Bulletin/JCC offices, with disc compatibility with our printer's typesetting equipment. We are very close to having this equipment in place as this issue goes to press.

The combined effect of hiring a full-time Business Manager, of continuing to monitor our rates, and of installing disc typesetting equipment in the very near future — should all contribute to a very substantial reduction in the Bulletin's deficit even in this fiscal year.

I would be very remiss, while submitting this report, if I did not express my thanks to the members of the Committee — Myra Aronson, Miriam Bloom and Ruth Kahane-Goldberg — as well as to Gerry Koffman and Eli Rabin for their ever-present and always-wise guidance and good counsel. The Bulletin Committee has been famous over the years for the number of meetings it does not have; once a year was the tradition. This year, we have already had four meetings and numerous telephone conferences and the members have responded with their full support each and every time.

And, of course, no mention of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review should be made without giving the utmost credit to the efforts of our Jacqueline-of-all-trades and Mistress of All... Editor Cindy Engel.

Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Ben Karp, President
Shirley Berman, Archivist



The work of the OJHS encompasses many projects. The most important of these is the ongoing collection and preservation of community records and artifacts. These are available for research at 151 Chapel Street where the Society maintains the community archives.

For the past two years membership in the Ontario Council of Archives has enabled Archivist Shirley Berman to apply for funding for the arrangement of specific collections of records. These are organized and stored according to universal archival standards. This year an Ontario Council of Archives grant enabled the Society to provide extended archival training and hire additional help. Combined with funding from the Vaad Ha'ir, this support resulted in the arrangement and description of the records of the Beth Shalom Congregation, Hillel Academy and the Jewish Community Centre. Arrangement of the records of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir are in progress.

Under the direction of President Ben Karp, a series of talks about local Jewish personalities was presented by two interesting speakers. In October, Ottawa realtor Lawrence Freedman, launched our social program with a talk about his grandfather, the late Jacob Freedman. In early May, Sorrell Rubin Gwartzman spoke about her late parents, Laura and Harold Rubin. Both talks highlighted the accomplishments and contributions of local personalities and provided insight into Ottawa Jewish history.

The importance of the organized preservation of historical material was realized this year as many researchers spent hours seeking images and artifacts as a part of the exhibition

"The Coat of Many Colours," an exhibition of Canadian Jewry, at the new Museum of Civilization. Ottawans who visit the exhibition, or read the book of the same name, will recognize contributions made by the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society.

Two generous monetary contributions will help the society achieve important future goals. The Freedman family has provided funding to help install environmental controls in the storage area of the archives. Mrs. Gwartzman, in tribute to the memory of her parents, made the first contribution toward a Jewish museum for the Ottawa area. This encouraging support will help the Society in its efforts to preserve the culture and history of the Jewish community.

In keeping with our mandate to publicize our holdings, we held two photographic exhibitions during the past year. One, a special tribute to the early work of Past President Hugo Leverdel, was presented in October at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. On display were photos of Ottawa personalities taken during the late 1930s and 1940s.

A second exhibition produced in conjunction with Heritage Ottawa, entitled "By-Ward Market, 1930s", also featured the work of Hugo Leverdel, and attracted many viewers to the By-Ward Market.

All the photos exhibited were collected and preserved over a number of years.

We invite the donation of important historical papers and artifacts. Those interested in active membership in the Society will find the work both interesting and rewarding.

Shalom Ottawa

Marion Silver, Chairman



Shalom Ottawa is a television program produced by and about the Jewish community in Ottawa. Sponsored jointly by the Vaad Ha'ir and the National Council of Jewish Women, it appears monthly on both Skyline and Ottawa Cablevision as part of the ka'eidoscope series of programs depicting the various ethnic groups in our city. Producers and co-hosts for the program this year have been Donna Goldman and Marion Silver.

In keeping with our mandate, we have attempted to portray the myriad personalities and events that comprise our community. This year we have highlighted happenings such as the Chagall Exhibit, the Caesaria by the Sea Exhibit, the Gala marking the opening of "A Coat of Many Colours" Exhibit, the March of the Living, Hadassah-WIZO's Taste of Chocolate, the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations, and the arrival last summer of President Herzog. We have as well included interviews with Yaffa Eliach, David Walzer, Howard Wetston, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Eli Rabin, Carol Weidman, and Yehuda Shen.

Regrettably, Donna Goldman's association with Shalom Ottawa will conclude in June when she will return to Toronto. We wish her well in all her endeavours there. We are pleased to welcome Ed Fine as our new co-host and we look forward to working with him.

Panel on Individual and Group Services

Andrew Katz, Chairman

The Panel on Individual and Group Services is primarily responsible for reviewing the budgets and funding requests of the non-educational Jewish Agencies. These agencies include Hillel Lodge, the Va'ad Ha'Ir, the Tamir Foundation, Camp B'nai Brith, Camp Geshet, JSU-Hillel, the Jewish Social Services Agency and the Canadian Foundation for Academic Exchange.

The Panel makes recommendations for funding based on the need of the individual agencies giving due consideration to the availability of funds, and priority of the requests. These recommendations are made to the Planning, Priorities and Budget Steering Committee. For the 1990-1991 year the panel has recommended funding totalling more than \$1,000,000.

The budget review in the past year focused on financial reporting and accountability by the member agencies. The audited financial statements were reviewed in detail and compared to the budget requests. Each agency was afforded an opportunity to appear before the Panel and present their budget as well as any other relevant information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who served on the Panel this year and whose participation made the Panel work successfully. I would also like to thank Aryeh Meir, Vaad Director of Community Planning for his staff support.

Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers

Naomi Lipsky-Cracower, Chairman



This year marked another milestone for the Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish Community with the celebration of its 65th tea.

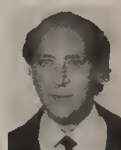
For more than thirty years, hundreds of women from around the world have been welcomed by the Committee. Our Founding Chairman Bea Hock, has had a sincere concern that no newcomer should be alone and friendless in a strange community. Her dedication to befriending newcomers, seeking them out and making them welcome is infectious to the whole community. Today she still remains a pillar of strength to all of us.

This Committee is a volunteer group of 18 women, "Chai", under the auspices of the Vaad Ha'Ir. Our mandate is to offer newcomers friendship and hospitality and to assist in integrating them into our community. As a committee, we are proud of the many lasting friendships that have originated at our teas. The present committee members are: Sarah Berke, Rose Betcherman, Ruth Calof, Marcia Caplan, Rena Cohen, Naomi Cracower, Doris Edelstein, Ronnie Gavsi, Vera Glube, Carol Greenberg, Beatrice Hock, Sonia Kizell, Miriam Levitin, Ida Lithwick, Shirley Solomon, Miriam Weiner, Ethel Taylor, Sally Weltman and Greta Cohen.

Two teas are held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Committee planning meetings are held prior to the teas. Invitations are issued to all new women newcomers, followed by a telephone call. Transportation is available for those who require it. For the teas, sandwiches and desserts are prepared by the committee members. The guests are welcomed and introduced to one another. A printed list of Jewish organizations and community activities is distributed.

Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee

Lawrence Greenberg, Chairman



It is the role of the Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee, as a standing committee of the Vaad, to reduce the chaos and confusion of too many fundraising activities and encourage the community organizations to fundraise in a coordinated, consensus building fashion.

This Committee was active in the past year not only in response to the myriad activities taking place in the Community but to the groundswell of interest in imposing a sense of discipline and order to the multiplicity of campaigns. While we are pleased that the increase of fundraising events reflects the nature of a growing and dynamic community, we recognize that there is a threshold that can be crossed which imposes a saturation of requests for fundraising dollars from the community's contributors.

Particularly in light of the major fundraising effort on behalf of Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel (Operation Exodus) we encouraged those that came to our committee to put their requests into the context of our global responsibilities.

The profile and recognition level of this committee was elevated as evidenced by disparate groups such as synagogues, beneficiary agencies and recreational and cultural groups met with the Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee to share information and seek authority to conduct their respective campaigns.

Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee



Sunny Tavel
Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Co-Chairs

Soviet Jewry concerns, always a community priority, have taken a dramatic shift over the course of the last little while. The opening of the doors of the Soviet Union has been a literally overwhelming change from the realities of the past.

The Simhat Torah Rally for Soviet Jewry this year was a combination of thanksgiving and anticipation. Thanks was expressed to all those who have worked so determinedly on behalf of Soviet Jewry through the Ottawa Soviet Jewry committee. As well, we expressed our anticipation that our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union would be free to live as Jews in the Soviet Union, or to leave and join their extended family in Israel.

Now, Operation Exodus, to help in the process of bringing the close to one million Soviet Jews who have applied for visas to Israel, to their homeland, is a community priority in Ottawa, and all across North America.

Sunny and John Tavel hosted a Sunday Brunch on November 12, 1989, launching the Shvut Ami Project of the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee. This project is now part of the community Endowment Fund.

An annual highlight on the Soviet Jewry calendar is Human Rights Day, which this year was celebrated in conjunction with B'nai Brith and Congregation Machzikei Hadas. This joint program featured Dr. Karen Mock, Director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, who spoke eloquently on the realities of racism and prejudice, and how we can combat these pernicious intrusions on human decency.

Following the breakfast, members of the Soviet Jewry Committee placed a call to a longtime refusenik in Moscow.

Another highlight on the Soviet Jewry calendar was the Soviet Jewry Shabbat, this year held at Congregation Machzikei Hadas, and which featured as the guest speaker Judge Ted Matlow, co-chairman of the Ontario Soviet Jewry committee, and well-known activist on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Judge Matlow has been to the Soviet Union on many occasions, and offered his insights on his perception of the changes. His major message was that we should not celebrate prematurely. There have been positive developments, but there are also great dangers of which we must be wary.

No report of the Soviet Jewry Committee would be complete without again mentioning the generosity of Jonah Bonn, who at his Bar Mitzvah set-up an ongoing fund, and which once again this year was directed towards Soviet Jewry. His is an example that is worthy of emulation by other B'nai and B'not Mitzvah.

This year saw the departure from the scene of Lillian Laks, who for so many years has worked so efficiently and with so much dedication, for the cause of Soviet Jewry. Indicative of her commitment is the fact that even though she has retired from the professional management of the committee, she has insisted on becoming a part of the volunteer core that makes up the Soviet Jewry committee. We welcome her with open arms.

We conclude with our hope that Operation Exodus will be a great success in the vital process of addressing the critical needs of the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Audit Committee

Issie Landau, Chairman

While the ultimate responsibility for review and approval of financial statements rests with the Board of Directors, a separate committee established by the board serves as a better means of dealing with this increasingly complex and sophisticated area. The sense of perspective that informed outside parties bring to the critical review of various financial and audit-related matters is the major strength of the audit committee concept.

The primary responsibilities of the Audit Committee remain basically the same as when first established in 1985 — to review the annual Financial Statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa; monitor the proper selection and application of accounting principles and practices; review the extent to which previous recommendations have been implemented; and report back to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

In accordance with this mandate the Audit Committee consisting of Leonard Cogan, Alan Freed, Albert Rivers and Bernard Dolansky as Treasurer of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, met with Mr. L.G. Levitz representing our auditors Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage & Levitz on several occasions to discuss both the United Jewish Appeal and the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir. The Financial Statements of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1988 were examined in July 1989. In December, 1989, the statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1989 were reviewed.

Various financial statement presentation issues were examined and resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved. The need for more timely financial information was highlighted as an area for review.

Subsequent to the meetings of the Committee, I met with the members of the Executive Committee, reported on our findings and recommended their acceptance of the Financial Statements.

Women's Federation

Ruth Berger, Chairman



This was the year Women's Federation brought "Perestroika" to the Community Calendar. A new ten-point policy was implemented on May 1, 1990 to streamline what was becoming a highly problematic system. The new Calendar program was developed in consultation with the Vaad Executive Committee, the professional staffs of community organizations and lay leadership.

For the benefit of the more than 100 Ottawa organizations, booking through the calendar, here again is a brief summary:

1. A designated Vaad employee is responsible for bookings.
2. Monthly calendars will be kept.
3. Bookings are by written request only.
4. All listings will be computerized.
5. Bookings will be accepted during working hours, Monday to Friday, only.
6. A Vaad policy definition of "community events" to be circulated.
7. The Bulletin publicizes the new changes.
8. The Bulletin will publish a list of major upcoming functions for the year in May-June.
9. Letters will be sent to all community organizations announcing the new policy.
10. The Vaad mediates disputes and conflicts. (It was agreed the sanctions will be considered only if a trial period of voluntary compliance is unsuccessful.)

Women's Federation also performed new protocol-related duties this year at the request of the Vaad. This protocol liaison function will be continued.

Women's Federation assumed a new responsibility in 1990 — hosting students from Israel in Ottawa as part of a cross-Canada tour. Under the auspices of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, two 16-year-old Israeli girls, Galila Cwikel and Daphna Shaltiel spent twelve days in Ottawa. They spoke on Israeli life from a teenager's perspective to numerous classes in both English and French high schools. They visited Hillel Academy and Hillel Lodge, did media interviews with Shalom Ottawa and the Ottawa Sun.

Special recognition goes to Alti and Berel Rodai and family, Pauline, Mark and Dahlia Pankowski, Lisa, Michael and Gerald Berger, Sam Soroka, and the staff of the Israeli Embassy who did so much to make this a most successful visit. It was a beneficial exchange for all participants and increased understanding of Israel.

In conclusion, Women's Federation enjoyed success in creating and implementing new programs in 1990. However, it is recommended that the mandate of this committee be reconsidered. The experience of the last several years stresses the need to reorganize this committee if it is to play a meaningful role in the community during the next decade.

Women's Federation itself, requires "Perestroika."

Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, F.C.A., President



The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is a registered charity. It was set up for the purpose of being able to support Torah education in Canada, Israel, the U.S. and other countries of the world.

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1988 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Rabbinical College of Canada.....	\$4,530.00
Rabbinical Seminary of America.....	1,265.66
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky.....	2,374.80
Slabodka Yeshiva.....	1,249.28
Center Yeshiva Beth Joseph.....	446.97
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College.....	1,084.00
Yeshiva Lomza Petach Tikvah.....	546.76
Heichal Hatalmud.....	519.00
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah.....	601.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College.....	1,416.00
Knesset B'nei Hagola.....	2,519.00
Yeshiva Ohel Moshe Diskin.....	1,583.20
Ner Israel Yeshiva College.....	414.00
Beth Jacob School for Girls.....	2,020.00
Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh.....	362.50
Or Chaim Tasher Yeshiva.....	646.00
First Mesita of Canada.....	163.00
Bnei Akiva — Beit Smuel.....	10,312.15
	<u>\$32,021.32</u>

A total of 18 institutions solicited funds in Ottawa and raised a combined amount of \$32,021.32. The Canadian Foundation charges a 5% administration fee for this service. The number of institutions coming to Ottawa is decreasing each year due to difficulty in the organizations' finding individuals to come to collect.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administration charge is levied.

During the fiscal year under review, the following funds were handled:

Ponevez Yeshiva.....	\$8,117.74
Hebrew Theological College.....	300.00
	<u>\$8,417.74</u>

The Officers and Directors are pleased to report that since the last Vaad Annual Meeting, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation reached another great milestone. The capital in the Foundation passed the 4 million dollar mark. The total capital as at March 31, 1990 was \$4,328,821, consisting of 319 individual funds. During the past 12 months our capital increased by \$353,516. The total allocations to local and Israeli charities for the year ended December 31, 1989 was \$383,205, and it is anticipated that \$400,000. will be available for distribution for the year ended 1990.

The Women's Committee, under the capable guidance of Rose Taylor, chairperson, has been active. A well attended luncheon with guest speaker Dian Cohen of Montreal was enthusiastically received. Other functions are being planned for 1990.

Saul and Edna Goldfarb were gracious hosts of a very interesting evening for the Legal, Audit and Insurance professionals for an update on taxes and our insurance program. The function was well attended, much enjoyed and the event was informative.

The following funds were established since the last annual meeting of the Vaad:

- Jack and Doris Baylin Endowment Fund
- Appovite Families Endowment Fund
- Maurice Beck Memorial Fund
- Rebecca and Maurice Brovender

Memorial Fund

- Jacob Aaron and Malka Esther Bruner Endowment Fund
- Sarah and Jack Cogan Memorial Fund
- William Dover Memorial Fund
- Esther and Joseph Eisenstadt Memorial Fund
- Mayer and Betty Ferber Endowment Fund
- Samuel and Ida Gaffen Endowment Fund
- Edna and Saul Goldfarb Endowment Fund
- Barbara and Sydney Greenberg Endowment Fund
- Jennie and Harry Hecht Endowment Fund
- Jeanne and Jacie Horwitz Endowment Fund
- Jewish Men's Softball League Endowment Fund
- Abe and Claire Kevanstein Endowment Fund
- Riva and Abraham Kroll Memorial Fund
- Muriel Levine Memorial Fund
- Murray and Mary Macy Endowment Fund
- Claire and Ted Metrick Endowment Fund
- Ottawa Histadrut League Endowment Fund
- Larry and Nancy Piet Endowment Fund
- David and Freda Radnofsky Endowment Fund
- Helena and Michael Rosenberg (Robern) Scholarship Fund

Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation

Issie Landau, President



- Roy and Helen Saipie Endowment Fund
- Ricky and Martin Saslove Endowment Fund
- Slipacoff Family Endowment Fund
- Kalman and Sylvia Smith Endowment Fund
- Joseph and Irene Swedlove Endowment Fund
- Pearl and Edward Torontow Endowment Fund
- Joseph and Sonia Weinstein Memorial Fund
- Sandra and Sam Zunder Endowment Fund

The Insurance Program continues to meet with the community's acceptance. Our total insurance in force as at March 31, 1990 was \$4,350,000. If you are in the age group between 30 and 40 and both spouses are non-smokers, the premium is unbelievably low. Speak to your insurance agent

and get the rate that applies to you. The Foundation will issue official receipts for income tax purposes for the entire premium.

Much of our growth has come from bequests in wills. Therefore, the Directors are again suggesting that when planning or updating your will, discuss a bequest to the Foundation with your lawyer to perpetuate your name in the community forever. The bequest can be directed to benefit a favourite charity within the city, or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors, who will allocate the income to a beneficiary agency that requires financial aid. For information regarding the establishment of a fund, contact Casey Swedlove at 236-5442, Howard Goldberg or Laura Greenberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Annual Report and Auditor's Statement contact Laura Greenberg.

Jewish Community Campus

Arnon Vered, President

The Jewish Community Campus, which includes 831 Broadview and 881 Broadview, is the home of Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the JCC Summer Day Camp, the JCC Day Care Centre. As well, other ongoing programs by the JCC are provided throughout the year. Management of the two buildings is provided by the JCC. With the new acquisition of 831 Broadview, the JCC Day Care Centre opened in September 1989 and has provided the community with an additional worthwhile service. The remainder of the building is being utilized by the JCC for various programs. The successful use of 831 Broadview has further strengthened the value of a west end location for Jewish community activities.

To meet the immediate needs of Hillel Academy, renovations are being planned within 881 Broadview to provide four additional classrooms for the 1990/1991 school year. Included in the renovations will be cosmetic upgrades to common and exterior areas.

In order to satisfy various requests with respect to the availability of 831 and 881 Broadview, a Campus Uses Policy has been established. It is acknowledged, though, that the schools within the facility have the first priority.

The 881 Broadview site was purchased by means of a very successful community-wide campaign. There still remains outstanding pledges from this initial campaign. Significant fundraising still remains to be performed to cover the cost of the purchase of 831 Broadview.

I wish to thank the campus Board of Directors and the Officers, Margie Karsdash, vice president; Laurie Weinstein, treasurer; and Elissa Lief-Kesnick, secretary, for their participation. Special thanks to Ron Boro, JCC executive director, Aryeh Meir, Vaad director of Community Planning and Keith Jeacle, Vaad controller, for their professional help.



Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee

Samuel Wex, Chairman



The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee is mandated with overall responsibility for:

- a) planning community needs,
- b) allocating community resources; and
- c) overseeing the budgetary process that ensures communal fiscal responsibility.

Community funding allocated to beneficiary agencies during 1989-90 totalled \$1,788,221, of which approximately 45% was allocated based on a formula to the schools and on a separate formula to Hillel Lodge. The remaining 55% was allocated to new school initiatives and individual and group services, based on a priority ranking system. The major beneficiary agencies of the Vaad Ha'ir are:

*Hillel Academy	..\$591,000...	33%
*JCC 502,000...	28%
*Vaad 328,700...	18.4%
*Hillel Lodge 98,850...	5.6%

This past year has been one of financial consolidation and incremental resource allocation:

- a) additional financial resources were committed to the Jewish Social Services Agency to fund a social worker for school age students in the Jewish community;
- b) the accumulated deficit of the Vaad was discharged; and
- c) discussions on a process to better evaluate community expenditures was commenced.

PPB members are also involved in the work of related committees on long range planning, future capital requirements, multiple campaigns and grants.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Eli Rabin, Stephen Victor, Dr. Maureen Molot, Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Dr. Bill James, Issie Landau, Richard Zuker, Andrew Katz, Morris Presser, Susanah Dalfen and Aryeh Meir, director of Community Planning, for their efforts and commitment to the process.

Shalom Welcome Service

Ann Goldberg,
Beryl Ben-Reuven, Co-Chairmen



The Shalom Welcome Service was established in order to assist newcomers integrate into the Ottawa Jewish Community. It is run by volunteers, many of them relative newcomers themselves.

Newcomers to our community are put on the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review mailing list and are contacted by a volunteer who telephones them and extends greetings on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Newcomers are invited to a coffee and cake evening which not only gives them the opportunity to learn about the Ottawa Jewish Community, its institutions and organizations, but also gives them the opportunity to meet other newcomers to the community. This past year a coffee and cake reception was held in November.

Shalom Welcome Service extends an invitation to the community to inform us about newcomers to Ottawa so that they can be invited to one of our informational and social evenings.

We also welcome new volunteers to Shalom Welcome Service and representatives of Ottawa Jewish organizations, services, schools and synagogues who would like to provide brochures or representatives for our informational evenings.

To provide names of newcomers, become a volunteer, or obtain further information, contact Josie Finestone at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.



Ottawa Holocaust Remembrance Committee

Vera Gara, Chairman

Once again the Holocaust Remembrance Committee had a most successful season in terms of programming, as well as fund-raising.

Our Committee began its Holocaust awareness program with the screening of the Video "March of the Living". The video follows the March of the 1700 high school students from North America to Auschwitz and Birkenau on Yom Hashoah 1988. After the March the film shows their personal reactions through interviews.

The video was shown on a large twelve-foot screen at Hillel Academy on September 20, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. Over two hundred attended. Several survivors were on hand to answer

questions, posed by the audience. Robert Greenfield, a grade 12-13 history teacher at Osgood High, also answered questions as he had participated in a similar March.

As a result of our program enough interest was generated that 19 Ottawa students participated in the March of the Living this year.

Our biggest undertaking this year was the screening of the film *Hanna's War*. This project served a two-fold purpose, first as an educational program, second as a fundraiser necessary to continue our present programs, as well as to develop new programs.

The film was a huge success as a

fundraiser, shown at the By-Towne Theatre, to a full house. The film received some very positive comments by members of the non-Jewish community, as well as those of our community.

In the National Capital Area we have a Raoul Wallenberg Park in Nepean, together with a statue of Wallenberg. To complete the monument a plaque will be erected and a dedication ceremony will be held. The Jewish Community Council, B'nai Brith and our Committee have contributed towards the cost, including Nepean Parks and Recreation. As well, we received a beautiful letter of appreciation from the mayor of Nepean.

This year the 45th Anniversary of the Liberation of Europe, Yom Hashoah was dedicated to honour the Jewish War Veterans. On a very warm, sunny day, April 22, over five hundred came to the commemoration. The keynote speaker this year was Mervin Mirsky, OBE. The Torchbearers were Mendel Good, Lilian Laks, Cantor Kraus, Edie Koranyi, Smuel Feig and Elly Boilegraaf. The vice president of the Vaad Ha'ir, Dr. Maureen Molot, brought greetings on behalf of the

community. The Legacy was read in Yiddish by Cantor David Aptowitzer, and the acceptance was read by his daughter, Penina Gross. This year two students of the Ottawa Torah Institute, Zvi Silver and Jacob Levinson, gave their presentation. Greetings on behalf of the State of Israel were brought by his Excellency Israel Gur-Arie, Ambassador of Israel to Canada. Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, gave the sermon and Cantor Pinchas Levinson concluded the ceremony with the song Ani Naami the Haskara and the Kadish.

We are presently working on bringing to Ottawa two exhibits. The first will be the Wiesenthal Centre's "Courage to Remember". We hope to have the exhibit at the Nepean Library and on Parliament Hill in time for Yom Hashoah 1991. We are also in the negotiating stage to bring the Anna Frank exhibit to Ottawa.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to three members of our Holocaust Committee, who unfortunately passed away. Sam Newman, Maxine Roborn, Harry Hecht. May their memory be an inspiration to us all.

Israel Teen Summer Trip Subsidy Program

Mark L. Berlin, Chairperson



It has been shown that personal experience of the land and the people of the State of Israel is one of the most important ways that Jews can fortify their identity. To assist Jewish teens from Ottawa to travel to Israel, the Summer Trip Subsidy Program was initiated in 1987. In that year some thirteen teens benefited.

The program has continued to grow since that time. In 1989 some 21 teens were assisted in their travel on programs sponsored by the Jewish Agency or Israeli universities. All received subsidies of \$300, and were equipped with a T-shirt, diary, Canada and Ottawa lapel pins and two Canadian flags.

We anticipate that approximately 25 teens will avail themselves of the program for the coming summer. All applicants have agreed to undertake a commitment to community service upon their return to Ottawa. We look forward to their participation in the life of our community.

I would like to thank all the members of our committee for their dedicated efforts. They include Deborah Cohen, Morris Presser, Linda Udaskin, Henry Molot, Reuven Solomon, Israel Program Centre shaliach; Ron Boro, JCC executive director; and Aryeh Meir, director of Community Planning.



Jewish Community Centre

Ralph Kassie, President

Your Jewish Community Centre enjoyed yet another banner year. The traditional large community events were once again of superior quality with large attendance. Arts Alive, the community weekend Book Festival saw over 3500 people celebrate Jewish book month throughout the halls and rooms of the JCC. Yom Ha'Atzmaut has become a rallying event for our community to show support for Israel.

Our Israeli Film Festival and Jewish Music Festival were both well received. Our senior adults celebrated the opening of a new drop-in centre, Bet Chavurah with Jean Pigott as their guest. As well, Health and Welfare Canada, through a grant, has contracted our seniors to produce a series of information videos on "Seniors-Active Choices".

Our teens hosted a most successful B'nai Brith Youth Beauheart Convention, and showed their tremendous talent and energy in the delightful ICC Theatreworks production *Little Shop of Horrors*. Our youth Maccabiah athletic program saw large numbers of teens committing themselves to vigorous weekly training for the upcoming Detroit Summer Games. This year thanks to the Grossman/Klein Family, we have instituted two teen awards with an accompanying Israeli Band, which will be given to one male and one female teenager for their outstanding contributions to the Jewish Community throughout the year.

As the '90s descend upon us, the Centre has recognized that we cannot continue to limit ourselves to traditional roles. We recognize the changing needs of our community and we re dedicate ourselves to Jewish content and education. To this end we have initiated a Bereavement Support Group, an Adoption Information Group, an Intermarriage Study Group, and a program which helps children improve social skills through recreation.

Our Day Camp services offer a diversity of programming to all Jewish Children, including those requiring financial assistance.

Our new Daycare facility proudly opened its doors in September at a first class facility at 831 Broadview. Enrollment continues to approach capacity which will be reached next year.

The Centre has presented our Vaad Ha'Ir with a detailed blueprint for refurbishment of 151 Chapel St. The plan must be juggled with a new Broadview Campus proposal and we hope to resolve our future very shortly. In the meantime the Centre, though a Super Bowl Raffle, was able to purchase a new life cycle and eight station fitness apparatus to upgrade our physical education facility.

In the brief space allotted it is impossible to recognize the hundreds of successful programs facilitated by the JCC. Suffice it to say that the Centre does a wonderful job despite ever-dwindling budget dollars.

We are fortunate to have a solid team of professional staff, headed by Executive Director Ron Boro, who keep the community ticking.

To my executive and board I offer my sincere gratitude for your dedication and guidance. Our board meetings saw an average 75% attendance, which must be a world's record!

To the hundreds of volunteers who really are the core of any success the Centre enjoys, our hearty Yasher Koach. In honoring the JCC volunteer of the year, the Centre has instituted the Ben Karp award to be presented at our Annual Meeting in June.

It has been a privilege to chair the board of the JCC over the past year and I look forward to the second half of my term with enthusiasm and excitement.

See you at the Centre!

Akiva Community High School

Heather Cohen, Chairman



Akiva Community High School continued its unparalleled growth this past year, expanding to seventy-five students. The tenuous collegial effort begun several years ago has established its role as a mainstay in the Ottawa Jewish educational community. It offers a variety of courses for teenagers from all the evening and day schools. Akiva is recognized as a serious forum in which to continue one's studies, and a place to maintain social ties with other Jewish teens.

Academic credentials continue to surpass previous goals. The Hebrew courses, basic, intermediate and advanced, all offer high school credits upon completion. The Yiddish program offers a credit program of study in addition to the excellent enrichment of our heritage in the young people.

Highlights of the year included... A discussion with Rabbi Pesach Sperlin on "Assimilation"; a timely seminar on the exodus of Soviet Jewry; a Purim Students' Court at which time Haman was put on trial; and on the last day of school, a presentation from students who participated in the March of the Living.

Our qualified teachers and outstanding principal, Doris Bronstein, contribute much time and energy to our students. Working with someone of Doris Bronstein's calibre makes the volunteers' task a most positive experience.



Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Gerry Levitz, Chairman
Stanley S. Katz, Director of Education

The Ottawa Jewish Community can continue to be justifiably proud of Hillel Academy which has gained recognition for being one of the outstanding Hebrew Community Day Schools. Also the Ariel program, a credited Judaic Program offered at Nepean High School in addition to the full regular secondary school curriculum, is completing its fourth successful year. All of our graduates are a source of pride for their achievements both in and out of school.

Hillel has grown remarkably over these past few years and the present school year had an enrollment of 467 with a staff of 58. This makes Hillel one of the largest elementary schools in the city and its success is attributed to a highly capable and experienced administration as well as a dedicated well qualified teaching staff.

At Hillel our program is designed to uphold and transmit traditional Jewish values and practices based on Torah. Our teachers instruct and demonstrate to our children a commitment to Judaism, the Jewish people and Israel.

All holidays, festivals, commemorations are observed and celebrated with enthusiasm and understanding. Art, music, drama are integrated into the program at Hillel. We promote the emotional, intellectual, moral, physical and social growth of each child and we foster a love of learning. We strive to promote a positive self image in each student and to affirm in each the importance of *Derech Eretz* — respect for oneself and respect for others.

We encourage our students to become responsible citizens, to take pride in being Canadian and to contribute to society and the Jewish Community.

The excellent facilities at 881 Broadview provide an environment which facilitates learning. Because of the outstanding support by Hillel parents and the entire Jewish community, we have a beautiful campus where our children can both learn and play. The intense program in Judaic, General and French is balanced with a vital physical education program in which Hillel students are competing with other Ottawa schools (track and field, soccer, floor hockey, volleyball and basketball) as well as participating in Torah Fair, Science Fair, choir, band, Bible Contest, and a variety of cultural events.

At Hillel we recognize the trust parents placed in us to educate their children. We will ensure that this trust is never misplaced.

Talmud Torah Afternoon School

Allan Glenns, Chairman



The Talmud Torah Afternoon School enjoyed an increased enrollment of 16% this year, bringing the total to 148 students. Registration is now underway for September, 1990.

In addition to the basic curriculum of Torah, Tefillah, Chumash, Dinim, Israel and History in six hours per week, the program is enriched by "Special" events. The Special Events of Chanuka, Purim, Pesach and Yom Hashoa and Yom Ha'Atzmaut are a given part of our school curriculum. The annual Talmud Torah and Akiva Shabbat in which grades 2-7 and Akiva students conduct the Shabbat service at Agudath Israel Synagogue is a very special Shabbat, and is part of our school curriculum as well. However, in addition to these we have "Special Highlights" throughout the year.

This year three new presentations were added to our program. On May 6, Grade 2 held an Oneg Shabbat with their parents. The students created their own chailah covers and kippot for the occasion. Through traditional ceremonies and songs, they displayed their proficiency in Shabbat rituals. Grade 3 commenced the study of Torah, and this year they were able to have our first "Chumash" celebration with parents. The students presented the "Bereshit" of Torah with story and songs. To culminate their studies on Shabbat, the grade 7 students prepared a "Havdalah" program to be presented to their parents and relatives in May. The school year ends on June 10 with an all-school presentation of song, drama and dance to parents on the Y.L. Peretz story "The Widow and the Wind." Through these programs, Jewish Education enriches the lives of our students as well as their families.

Fundraising: Talmud Torah Afternoon School joined hands with Hillel Lodge for the 2nd "Lunch & Bridge" fundraising event at Agudath Israel. On June 11th, Talmud Torah and Akiva will hold a major fundraiser at Centrepointe Theatre entitled "Shaking Like a Leaf — A Tribute to Danny Kaye". We are looking forward to a sell-out house, and have earmarked the funds to help reduce school expenditures.

In conclusion, Talmud Torah looks forward to 5751. Together with an outstanding teaching staff, I am sure we will once again produce a quality Hebrew program plus many other challenging activities. I thank the teaching staff for their efforts, support and dedication to the students in our school.

As 5750 comes to an end, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Doris Bronstein, principal, Howard Lithwick and his committee for fundraising, Ruth Mendell, chairperson of P.A., and her committee for their support and cooperation.

Hillel Lodge Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

Lillian Kimmel, President
Stephen Schneiderman, Executive Director

My first term as president has been both exciting and demanding. Although Hillel Lodge is a small Home, it involves constant and often complex decision making. In reviewing all the factors that influence decisions, the Home's primary objective is to find ways and means to improve the quality of life of its residents. To that end the board seeks out both staff and volunteers in order to provide the best possible quality within available resources. It is Hillel Lodge's good fortune that we have so many committed people working on our behalf.

As president, I have been actively involved in future planning. I am pleased to inform the Community that we are about to complete our Functional Program that describes the "New Hillel Lodge" in the future. It is a future we can look forward to with pride.

The board has given the Home the opportunity to progress and develop. The staff at the Home have received various forms of continuing education. The equipment that has been provided is second to none, and the active support of board members sharing their knowledge and expertise make Hillel Lodge a special place. This could not have been accomplished without the generosity of the Community, Face-lift Funders, Hillel Lodge members and our own Women's Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has always played a key role by caring about the residents' individual needs and just being there to lend a hand.

I would like to conclude my report by thanking all those involved with Hillel Lodge, for their wonderful and generous support. The Home, recognized and accredited can continue to provide for our residents, both now and in the future, because of you.



Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Steven Mendelsohn, President
Professor Gerry Cammy, Principal

This year was the 36th year of operation for OMJS. Over the past 36 years the founding principles of the school have remained much as they were in 1953. The school's emphasis continues to be Judaism, Jewish tradition, customs, language, history, culture and current events. Religious observance is considered to be a personal matter for the individual family, and accordingly, our students come from all streams of Judaism. In this way our students' exposure to the spectrum of Jewish reality today is enriched, and their respect for the different streams of Judaism is encouraged.

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School continues to be the largest afternoon Jewish School in Ottawa and is growing every year. We attribute this to the community's recognition of our school's excellence, not only in teaching, but also in fostering in our children a love and commitment to Judaism and Jewishness. Our teachers and principal are all very skilled and highly experienced professional educators who enjoy an excellent reputation in the community.

In addition to placing a heavy emphasis on Hebrew beginning in Kindergarten, we also teach Yiddish starting in Grade 3. Our music program, under the skillful direction of Shirley Steinberg, includes songs, dance and plays and ensures that students, staff and parents have fun together on the Jewish festivals.

We are very much involved in Israeli and Jewish community activities. In keeping with School tradition, we also

maintained our large turnout during the annual U.J.A. Walkathon. One fact of which we are particularly proud is that a large number of our students choose to continue their Jewish education after graduation by attending the higher grades offered in Ottawa by Temple Israel and Akiva High School.

During the past school year, our students and parents enjoyed themselves during our school's Chanukah and Purim concerts and the model Seder. The children also received apples and honey on Rosh HaShanah, hamantaschen on Purim, and dreidles and latkes on Chanukah. They heard the Shofar blown on Rosh HaShanah, heard the reading of the Megillah on Purim and shook the lulav in the Sukka on Sukkot. Our students also planted trees on Tu B'Shevat and participated in Yam Ha'Atzmaut and in the annual community Holocaust Remembrance ceremonies.

In recent years we have established a practice of holding special seminars for our students to discuss the Holocaust and the current situation in Israel with respect to the Intifada. This year these seminars were delivered by Professor Cammy and Mr. Arnold Fradkin, a former president of the school and a lawyer with the Federal Department of Justice. This special event was initiated to ensure that our students were equipped to handle and rebut the censure of Israel that is sometimes encountered in the regular school system or in the community at large.



Jewish Social Services Agency

Margo Schwartz Eliany, President
Elaine Rabin, MSW, Executive Director

The Jewish Social Services Agency has completed a very busy tenth year of service to the community. Delivery of service has continued to grow in our traditional areas of home support services to the non-institutionalized seniors, counselling and immigrant resettlement. Our immigrant programs will be of increasing importance as the anticipated influx of Soviet Jews reaches our community. The newest addition to our range of activities is the Children's Outreach Program, a pilot project supported by the Va'ad, which provides counselling in the Parochial School system. In less than a year this has been expanded to a full-time position.

The completion of four new offices this year has significantly improved the working atmosphere in the agency. Salary and benefit adjustments came into place and we look forward to the institution of a pension plan in the next year.

As a United Way Agency we are required to prepare a three-year cyclical review by December. Work has already begun on this major endeavour which will provide the agency with an opportunity to evaluate current programs and plan future directions for the next three years.

Perhaps the greatest effort this year has been expended in the preparation of the tenth anniversary of the agency. Our celebration at the Museum of Civilization in April marked not only ten years of service by the agency to the community but also recognized ten years of immeasurable contribution made by community volunteers to the agency and the delivery of its services.

The agency continues to work with the Jewish community through its liaison functions to various committees and panels and by way of the social services employment program. We are also involved in the wider community in both delivery of service and by our contribution to a variety of projects including a study being undertaken by the Social Planning Council of Ottawa-Carleton. We are very pleased that one of our board members was chosen to sit on the board of the Ontario Association of Family Service Agencies.

Our busy agenda has meant that both board and staff members have worked long and hard. I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow board members and the dedicated members of the tenth anniversary committee. My gratitude to Elaine Rabin and her staff who have displayed once again unfailing dedication to the task at hand. Special thanks are due to our many volunteers without whom we could not function. Finally many thanks to our funders both within the Jewish Community and at the Regional, Provincial and Federal levels.

Jewish Students' Union-Hillel

Mayer Alvo, Chairman
Liba Bernbaum, Director



JSU-Hillel is the organization that serves the needs of Jewish post secondary students in Ottawa. Presidents and vice-presidents respectively this year were Steve Greenwood and Yael Azuelos from Carleton University and Andy Jenicek and Blair Carey from the University of Ottawa.

JSU-Hillel started the year with a successful boat cruise which attracted 80 students from both campuses. Subsequently, students participated in a variety of Jewish programs including welcoming the Shabbat on Friday nights and rejoicing in the festivals of Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat and Purim. This year they had an auction at Purim and raised over \$700 for the Israeli Victims of War. JSU-Hillel was again invited to Congregation Machzikei Hadas for Friday night Shabbat dinner and discussion. We had a discussion with the Press Attache of the Israeli Embassy about the paths for peace in Israel. Eleven students joined the Network Homeward Bound trip to Israel.

On campus, JSU-Hillel sponsored Judaism Days and Israel Days (with the Israel Program Centre) and a Middle East political analyst. These events increased the students' awareness of recent Jewish history, the present Israeli technical achievements and the challenges of the present. In addition we set up an information table at each campus once a week with the aim of providing information about Israel and JSU ongoing activities and community events. Students also met informally with Jewish professors from both campuses.

JSU-Hillel also sponsored sports events. Our hockey pick-up league is going strong. This year we had a hockey appreciation night for players and fans. The JSU-Hillel Bulldogs competed as a team in the Jewish Men's Softball League A Division where they placed second in the regular season.

JSU-Hillel will continue to fulfil its mandate to promote cultural, religious, political, social and athletic activities amongst Jewish university students in Ottawa.

Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Aaron Sarna, Chairman,
Moe Litwack, Vice-Chairman



The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth is the sole community kashruth-granting agency in the city. As such, it supervises kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments. It disseminates news on the observance of kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services. Active rabbinic and lay committees meet regularly.

During the year, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli and Pelican Fishery on Richmond Road. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve. In addition, challah was taken nightly. Dairy products produced by Ault Dairies were granted certification for Passover use and fish for Passover as supervised at two Pelican stores.

Negotiations were undertaken with the Chateau Laurier Hotel to establish a kosher kitchen facility. In a related vein, a study was undertaken to review the state of kosher catering in Ottawa.

The Vaad was also responsible for ensuring kashruth at the following synagogues: Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Young Israel, Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Hadas; as well as Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai Brith JCC summer camps, Jack Smith's Kosher Catering and Jack Edelson Catering.

The Vaad continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review and through the Emunah-Mizrachi calendar.

In addition, kashruth services at local hospitals and public homes for the aged are to be strengthened.

Acknowledgement

The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to all of the individuals who prepared the reports contained in this Special Edition of the Bulletin.

All reports received up to the press time deadline have been included in this issue.

Camp Gesher

Richard Zuker, Chairman
Reuven Solomon, Shaliach

Camp Gesher is looking forward to welcoming about 170 campers in the first session and 135 in the second — more than ever before — from Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and other communities in the region. The camp is located on Fringle Lake, north of Kaladar on Highway 7, about two hours west of Ottawa. Camp Gesher is one of five camps in North America sponsored by The Habonim-Dror Movement in cooperation with Na'amat Pioneer Women and the Labour Zionist Alliance.

The camp programme encompasses a wide range of recreational and educational activities. Outdoor activities include camping, hiking, and environmental awareness. A full water sports programme of swimming, canoeing, and water-skiing is offered. Other sports include baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and participation of the senior campers at the Maccabiah. There is arts and crafts, gardening, and care of small farm animals. Much of the programme is devoted to inspiring the values of the Movement and a love for Israel and Judaism, through song and dance, drama, work projects, sharing of kupa, speaking of Hebrew, oneig shabbats, kashruth, and special events reliving the experiences of the pioneers in Palestine.

The source of the success of Camp Gesher is the Madrichim, who plan and lead the programmes based on their experience in the Movement, together with the three shlichim in Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, who manage the camp. There is also a committee of about 25, mainly parents, who are actively involved in the direction of the camp. Pre-camp weekends provide a unique opportunity for families to help prepare for the camp season by undertaking cleaning-up, painting, repairs, and small construction projects.

The camp has embarked on an ambitious construction program to upgrade its facilities. New cabins have been built, a new kitchen and expanded dining room are planned for next year, and we dream of a large new recreation hall after that.

More than a place, Camp Gesher is an experience. Gesher lives in the memories of all those who have had the good fortune to share its joys.

Star of David Hebrew School

Stephen Waxman, Chairman



The 1980s finished at Star of David the way it began with enthusiasm, happiness and caring by students and staff. This year over 50 students from grade one to seven filled our halls with the sounds of learning. Our graduating class of 14 students are in the final preparations for their graduation night. They have honoured themselves and their families by their dedication to learning. Lisa Cogan and her incoming board of directors have officially started working for next year. The school has already registered new students and is beginning a major publicity campaign. The Star of David School has over the years provided a basic Jewish education to the children of Ottawa. Our school will continue to flourish and grow over the next decade.



Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa

Jack Smith, Board Chairman
Allan Kathnelson, Camp Director

The 1989 camp season was very successful for Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa. In addition to a continued strong landsports and waterfront program the camp expanded its Dramatic Arts and Dance Programs. The camp season also saw the introduction of two new initiatives. In the first place the camp has introduced a Junior Camp Program which is geared to the special needs of younger children. The camp also introduced in 1989 the Camp Mother who was responsible for ensuring that the special needs of our junior children are addressed. As a result of the very positive response we have received from last year's program the junior camp program will be expanded in 1990. In addition our current landsports program has been modified to reflect the needs of all age groups at the camp. The camp continues to be committed to strong programs in swim instruction and waterfront. Our instructors are sanctioned by both the Royal Life Saving Society and the Canadian Water Ski Association. Our Tennis Program continues to be strong and popular. Special programs such as performances by Israeli Song and Dance Groups and Moshe Yess will be continued.

In addition to its programming activities, Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa is committed to providing the opportunity for a camp experience to all children in Ottawa. As well, the camp provides the opportunity for Israeli orphans to spend three and one half weeks at our camp each summer.

Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa is owned and operated by B'nai Brith of Ottawa, Ottawa Lodge 885, and has been in its present location in Quyon, Quebec for over 40 years.

Tamir Foundation

Margaret Lederman, President



Ten years have gone by since the Foundation was created to provide residential services to developmentally handicapped young adults in a Jewish milieu, and five years since the residence was opened. To see the progress the residents have made in that time is truly rewarding. In the past year they have entertained families and friends at Chanukah and Succah parties and hosted a Shabbat dinner for board members, and been very active participants in synagogue and community celebrations and events.

This past year has also been a very active and successful year for fundraising. We ventured into the Bingo game for a few months and, under the able coordination of Mark Kerzner, made a profit. Also, Rose Taylor and Libby Steinberg organized a very successful Chai Tea which featured works by Ottawa artists.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton which will be used to provide supportive services for the residents, training of volunteers and educational evenings for the community. Recently we were also fortunate to receive a one-time grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services which will allow us the time to plan the expansion of our program to provide service to some of the developmentally handicapped adults who currently reside at the Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls and to provide outreach services to individuals and their families in the Ottawa Jewish Community.

As we have no stable government funding at the moment, we are very appreciative of the generous support the community has shown, especially the Jewish Community Council. Other sources of income on which we depend are donor cards, endowments and bequests.

The Board of Directors of Tamir are very proud that Ottawa, like Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, is able to offer a service which enables our Jewish developmentally handicapped adults to live with dignity and support in a Jewish home in our community. To learn more about Tamir, call President Maggie Lederman, at 224-0809.

State of Israel Bonds

Tom Grossman, Campaign Chairman

1989 was a record-breaking year for the State of Israel Bonds Organization. Rose Taylor hosted the second annual Golda Meir Dinner under the Women's Division Chairman, Zelaine Shinder, and 33 women became recipients of the Golda Meir pin by purchasing a minimum bond of \$5,000.

On May 4, the campaign kick-off took the form of a cocktail reception hosted by Sol and Zelaine Shinder. This was followed on May 11 by a combined dinner with the Women's Division. Both events honoured Simone Goldberg as the Women's Division Honoree for 1989.

The Ottawa synagogues continued their support of Israel by conducting the annual Yom Kippur Appeal. The appeal has now become the culmination of the Bonds Campaign.

In October, the Agudath Israel Congregation and friends purchased two \$1 million dollar notes for Israel, which brought 1989 bond sales to a record high of \$3,067,330. These funds went directly to the State for use towards its goal of economic independence.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank all of those who invested in the welfare of Israel by buying bonds. I also wish to thank all the volunteers, too numerous to name, who helped achieve the goal of three million dollars.

The organization also wishes to thank our Director Jim Hassan and his efficient staff for their support and encouragement. Without their backing, the success of the sales drive could not have been achieved.

I also extend my best wishes and support to Jonathan Freedman, 1990 campaign chairman.



State of Israel Bonds — Women's Division

Ethel Taylor, Chairman



The State of Israel Bonds Women's Division Cabinet which will complete its term the fall of 1990 is as follows: Immediate Past Chairman - Zelaine Shinder; Chairman - Ethel Taylor; First Vice Chairman - Rose Taylor; Second Vice Chairman - Sunny Tavei; Fashion Show Co-Chairmen - Pat Flesher, Roz Gershon, and Dena Gosewich; Members at Large - Ruth Aaron, Cynthia Blumenthal, Susannah Dalfen, Simone Goldberg, Sheila Hartman, Linda Nadojnic-Cogan, Myra Presser, Laya Shabinsky, Muriel Wexler and Carole Zagerman.

In 1989, the Women's Division participated, once again, in the Annual Bond Campaign held on Yom Kippur by distributing tab cards in most of the synagogues. Many thanks to all the sisterhoods for their assistance in organizing this campaign.

On December 3, 1989, Golda Meir pins for that year were presented to 33 women by Immediate Past Chairman Zelaine Shinder and Shulamit Gur-Arieh, wife of Israel's ambassador to Canada. Our sincere thanks to Ambassador and Mrs. Gur-Arieh for hosting this event.

We opened the 1990 Campaign with a fabulous Fashion Show Luncheon on March 4 under the patronage of Shulamit Gur-Arieh at the lovely home of Elissa iny. Guest speaker Howard Stone stressed the fact that Soviet Jews need us now for Operation Aliyah. The tremendous success of this event was due to the hard work of the fashion show co-chairmen; Marilyn Newman, catering; Jane James, tickets; and my wonderful executive who were always supportive. My thanks to all these dedicated women for a job well done.

The annual Golda Meir Club Dinner was held in my home during Pesach on April 12 where Passover Kashruth was strictly observed. Our guest speaker, Robert Evans, gave an informative account of the Soviet Jewry problems facing Israel. To date, 35 women are members of the Golda Meir Club which brings us past the halfway mark of our goal of 50. The Golda Meir Club is exclusive to women who purchase a minimum of \$5,000 in Israeli Bonds, or the IVRI Bond. These women will all receive a beautiful pin designed by Moshe Safdie.

The Montreal and Ottawa State of Israel Bonds Women's Divisions joined us on May 16 for a guided tour of the Museum of Civilization and the special exhibit of "A Coat of Many Colours" followed by a tea hosted by Shulamit Gur-Arieh.

Many thanks to Ottawa State of Israel Bonds Director Jim Hassan and his efficient staff, Lisa Kelly and Alanna Stairs, for their continued help in achieving our goals successfully.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

Professor Alain Goldschlager, National Director
Angela Sumegi, Associate Director

The 1989-90 academic year has been extremely active for CIFAE. In Western Canada, there was a strong Israeli presence at the Universities of British Columbia and Calgary where two scholars sponsored last year were requested to remain for an additional year at the universities' expense. In addition, the University of Calgary provided extra funding to bring two scholars this year instead of one, Professors Naphtali and Leah Kirberg (Tel Aviv University). The current year's scholar at U.B.C. is educational psychologist, Professor David Tzuril (Bar Ilan University).

In Ontario, the University of Toronto benefited from Professor Itamar Rabinovitch (Tel Aviv University) who, in the few weeks he was present, found time to participate in three T.V. shows, including a comment period after *Voices of Gaza and Lebanon* on TVO.

Professor Avishai Ehrlich (Tel Aviv University) was our full-year appointee at York University's Department of Political Science. At Carleton University in Ottawa, the Foundation is proud to have supported two scholars, Professor Luis Roniger (Hebrew University), who spent the full year at Carleton's Department of Sociology & Anthropology, and Professor Majid Al Haj (Haifa University), who in addition to his teaching duties in the Department of Sociology, has provided expertise to the Research Resource Division for Refugees.

Professor Max Jammer (Bar Ilan University), one of the best known authorities on time and space in the philosophy of science spent six weeks at the University of Western Ontario. Subsequent to his arrival, Western signed a formal agreement with CIFAE to establish a yearly faculty exchange program.

At the request of the Jewish community in Montreal, CIFAE placed great emphasis on pursuing programs in the French universities, especially with the Université du Québec à Montréal. Professor Judith Stern (Ben Gurion University) who visited UQAM this year, fascinated her francophone students with her special expertise on the psychology of Holocaust survivors.

Professor Yehuda Gradus, former Dean at Ben Gurion University was a full-year scholar at Concordia University's Department of Geography. He was extremely active both within and without the university, adding to the already strong links between the Montreal Jewish community and Beer Sheva.

Finally, pursuant to an agreement between the CRELIQ (Laval) and the Porter Institute (Tel Aviv) which was signed due to the efforts of CIFAE, a major colloquium with Israeli participation and CIFAE support took place in November 1989 in Quebec.

The 1990-91 academic year promises to be just as dynamic. Negotiations are underway for a number of new universities to take part in the CIFAE program. Among them are: the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba in Winnipeg; Sherbrooke University; the University of Ottawa and Lakehead University.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Stephen Appotive, President
Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Spiritual Leader



I am pleased to present this report on the activities of our shul for the past year. Our shul is one of the mainstays of the Ottawa Jewish Community. We have been a part of and serving the community for over 65 years. Our membership continues to grow at a steady pace. Just as important, we are attracting people of all ages. It is with confidence and pride that I say we will continue our important role for many more years to come.

Our youth foundation has had a busy year. In addition to our shabbat morning junior congregation services (two divisions), we have had a number of festive programs linked to religious holidays or educational activities. These included the children making latkes and chocolate Chanukah gelt, a Purim party with costumes and prizes and presenting our Grade One children their own siddurim. Also we have instituted some Sunday programs in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre. This proved to be very popular and I want to thank the staff at the Centre for their help.

Moving toward the other end of the age spectrum, our bi-weekly seniors' program is proving to be a great success. It features lunches plus varied activities at the Shul. The Jewish Social Services Agency and Jewish Community Centre continue their support. If you are over 50 years of age and wish to participate then please call our shul office (521-9700).

The shul's adult education committee has organized several successful programs. Most recently was the "Pre-Passover Sabbath Fiesta" which featured lectures and seminars by our own Rabbi Bulka at a Friday supper and shabbat kiddush luncheon. Close to 500 people attended the 2-day program.

Our social and breakfast committees organized more activities than ever before. Social events included the very popular Chinese supper and Klezmer Evening. Breakfast speakers included Dr. John Molot, Brig. General Zvi Poleg and Ottawa Rough Riders Coach Steve Goldman.

Our Sisterhood remains vibrant under the presidency of Donna Strauss. In addition to regular meetings, it has sponsored a number of speaker evenings and social events (Monte Carlo Nite, giant garage sale, etc.).

Our shul's Annual Gold Draw is scheduled for June 26, 1990. It is an important fundraiser and we very much appreciate your continued support of the event. To buy a \$100 ticket call the shul office (521-9700). The ticket is your admission to the cocktail party and a chance at winning \$50,000. Most importantly, it helps ensure our continued involvement with you and the community as a whole!

Finally, I want to thank the clergy, office staff, board of directors and all our members for making the Shul the success it has been in the past and will continue to be in the future.

Na'Amat Canada — Ottawa Council

Ethel Ma'lek, Chairman



Na'Amat Canada — Ottawa Council initiated the 1989-90 season with a dinner meeting at the Embassy West Hotel. Our guest speaker was our National President Tillie Margolis.

The Ottawa Council comprises three groups — Chana Szenesh, Aviva and Nitza. Our two senior groups, Golda Meir and Daganita, are no longer active due to illness or unfortunately, death. However, those who are still with us are most certainly supportive of our causes.

Our newest addition to our membership is the Ahava group. Some of the members of this group are daughters of our Chana Szenesh group and we are proud to say that our organization is now embarking on the third generation of Na'Amat commitment in our city. There are 12 members and we look forward to wonderful accomplishments from these energetic young women and trust they will enjoy the true spirit of their chosen name — Ahava: Friendship.

This season also proved to be rewarding to the Aviva and Nitza groups, both of whom planned very innovative programs. In addition, the Aviva group once again sponsored their Passover Wine Saje to the Ottawa Jewish Community and their efforts were financially rewarded. The Aviva group also compiled and published a cookbook *Desperately Seeking Desserts* and the response and sale of this book was also successful.

The Nitza group also put their talents to work and created two different styles of Rosh Hashana cards. These cards were quite popular in Ottawa, and also nationally. Na'Amat Canada, were very proud of these card designs and they sold very well.

Arts Alive at the Jewish Community Centre provided our organization with space to present a profile of our activities and projects in Canada and Israel.

Our Adopt-A-Child project is now in progress and we anticipate another successful year. Several special anniversaries and birthdays were commemorated by the donations towards our Adopt-A-Child Day Care Centres, for a child in one of the day care centres that are all over Israel and sponsored by Na'Amat.

Our best and largest undertaking is the ever-popular Jewish Telephone Directory to which this community always looks forward. This year's book (our 39th edition) promises to be the best ever. The funds received from our various projects enable the organization to continue to successfully subsidize the day care centres, their services to help maintain child care and the many other necessities that allow the Israeli woman and her family to have a better quality of life.

We look forward to our closing meeting on June 5, when we will be hosting Shlicha Ofra Freedman, head of Na'Amat Status of Women Bureau and head of Legal Aid services in Israel.

Na'Amat Canada — Nitza Chapter

Kinneret Globerman, President



The Nitza chapter of Na'Amat Canada has had a busy year. It launched a new fundraiser — a series of unique Rosh Hashanah cards — which was well received by the community, donated a collection of brand new toys to children of recent immigrants through the Jewish Social Services Agency; and made its annual Chanukah visit to Hillel Lodge to sing songs and visit with the residents. Nitza is also working on a social action project focussing on the plight of Syrian Jews, and on Na'Amat's big fundraiser, the annual Spiritual Adoption Campaign.

So who is Nitza? We are an active and lively women's group which emphasizes programming as an important aspect of membership. We are between the ages of 27 and 45. We are a chapter of the Labour Zionist Organization, Na'Amat Canada.

Na'Amat is a women's organization that raises money for community projects in Israel — projects such as daycare centres, vocational training centres, homes for battered women. Although fundraising is an important element of being a member of Nitza, programming activities share equal importance. Our programs vary in topic from Jewish and women's issues to educational subjects and lifestyles. Past programs have included Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas who discussed aspects of his new book *What You Thought You Knew About Judaism*; a discussion on the merits of parochial vs. the public school systems; guest speaker Alti Rodal who was commissioned by Justice Jules Deschenes to write a report on Nazi War criminals in Canada; a discussion on Judaism and feminism; a Discovery Toys demonstration; a discussion of medical ethics by a respected expert in the burgeoning field. Upcoming programs include a talk on PMS with a local doctor, an evening devoted to management and setting priorities and an exotic (Kosher) cooking demonstration.

So...if you are interested in joining our non-profit group, or would like more information about our programming activities, call Kinneret Globerman at 738-9308 or Debbie Weiss at 522-9354.

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai Rishon



For the year 1988-89 we serviced 69 cases which was a little less than the previous year.

Some repairs were made to the Chapel building and as usual maintenance expenses have increased substantially.

Several probationary members were accepted as regular members. The Chevra Kadisha always requires more members as, from year to year, we lose a few members due to aging and sickness.

We wish to reiterate to the members of the community the correct procedure to follow in order to arrange for a funeral at the time of death.

- 1) As soon as possible after death advise Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon. If he is not available contact one of the other Gabbaim.
- 2) Advise the Rabbi of the synagogue concerned.
- 3) Ensure that a cemetery plot is available for the deceased.
- 4) Select an undertaker and purchase a *Kosher Casket*.

If the above procedure is followed, you will facilitate the work of the Chevra Kadisha and you will ensure that the funeral arrangements will be carried out without delay and with efficiency.

Our Annual Meeting was held on December 4, 1989 at our Chapel. The following officers were elected for the year 1989-90:

Sam Petigorsky	—	Gabbai Rishon
M. Syd Green	—	Gabbai
Abe Hanser	—	Gabbai
Izzie Greenberg	—	Gabbai
Martin K. Levinson	—	Financial Secretary
Dr. Phil Gosewich	—	Recording Secretary
Abe Hanser	—	Treasurer

We wish to thank the members of the clergy and the cemetery committees for their cooperation in the past.

We wish everyone in the Jewish Community the best of health at all times.

Parliament Lodge B'nai Brith #2159

David Freeman, President



The 1989-90 year was another resounding success. At the June national convention Past-President Brother Moishe Smith was installed as president of B'nai Brith Canada. To honour Moishe's installation, the convention was chaired by Brother Larry Hartman, and capably organized by Brother Morris Presser and Sister Karen Siipacoff. Brother Tom Gussman was also installed to the national Board of Governors, as chairman of the National Capital Region Coordinating Committee.

During the summer, the lodge, in cooperation with Beth Shalom West Men's Club, held an Expos baseball trip to witness a 21-inning game against the L.A. Dodgers! This excellent evening (and subsequent morning) took place under the very capable stewardship of Brother Jack Presser.

September saw a moonlight cruise, dinner and awards night to honour our new executive. Many thanks to Sister Natalie Gussman and Brother Morris Presser for arranging this magnificent evening.

Throughout the summer and fall, the Millionaires' Night Committee busily prepared for our major fundraising dinner/draw in November. This dinner enables the lodge to support many worthwhile causes in the local community and the ongoing causes of B'nai Brith Canada. Under the able chairmanship of Brother Tom Gussman, the 1989 dinner proved to be our most successful fundraiser ever. Our lodge is proud to be one of the top contributors to B'nai Brith Canada fundraising.

As usual, Christmas dinner was served to the residents of St. Patrick's

Home by our founding President Brother Marty Glatt, his wife Dora and a large group of volunteers from the lodge. This is the highlight of our Community Volunteer Services program under Marty's direction. Bingos are held at Hillel Lodge, the CNIB, St. Vincent's Hospital, Island Lodge and for many other groups of seniors. Marty was pleased to present the Marty and Dora Glatt C.V.S. award for 1989 to Brother Jacob Schildkraut for his exceptional contributions to the program. A hearty Ya'asher Koach to Jacob, Marty, Dora and all the CVS volunteers.

Our cold winter was warmed up by a stimulating evening with Dr. Brian Little, a Carleton University psychologist who spoke on motivation and human behaviour. Many thanks to Brothers Steven Singer, Stephen Goldstein and Sister Natalie Gussman for organizing this well-attended event.

BBYO has grown significantly under Mitchell Miller's leadership and Parliament Lodge is proud to sponsor and support our future leaders, who hosted a very successful 1990 "Beau-Heart" conclave in Ottawa.

Lodge business was attended to at our monthly executive meetings. At the April meeting the executive of Parliament Lodge unanimously voted to demonstrate community leadership and commitment by donating a sizeable amount to the upcoming Operation Exodus campaign.

As our year winds down and we prepare for the June convention, a new executive, headed by incoming President Phil Rimer, has been chosen to take charge. Mazel-Tov and much success for 1990-1991.

Habonim-Dror Ottawa

Reuven Solomon, Shaliach

Habonim-Dror, under the capable leadership of Michael Robbins as "Rosh Ken" and Lori Bierbrier as "Rosh Eizor" (Regional Director), continues to meet twice a month. Although last year's experienced madrachim (counsellors) moved to other cities to pursue their university education, we were fortunate in having had a new crew, fresh from MB (Habonim-Dror's Leadership Training Camp), very competently and confidently take their places.

In February the madrachim of Camp Gesher had their first pre-summer get-together at a weekend seminar in the Laurentians, where we mixed skiing with early preparations for camp.

Eighty young Ottawans will be at Camp Gesher this summer, almost half the camp total. Another dozen 10th graders will be going to Israel this summer on the SHK program, Habonim-

Dror's Counsellor-in-Training program. Half a dozen 11th graders will spend their summer at Camp Tavor on MB for further counsellor training, to come back and join the ranks as first-year counsellors in September '90. This year Ottawa also has six high school graduates going on Habonim-Dror's one-year Workshop Program in Israel.

Fall Seminar was once again held at Dunrobin with youth from Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, and of course, Ottawa. This year Winter Seminar was held at Camp Miriam on beautiful Gabriola Island, Vancouver, and was attended by youth from all across North America. As usual Ottawa was extremely well represented, both proportionally and qualitatively.

Plans are for the next Winter Seminar to be held in Israel, so we can truly say "Next year in Jerusalem."



Emunah Mizrachi Women

Rivka Kraus, President



Emunah Mizrachi Women aspire to spread and strengthen the ideals of Torah Zionism, and to foster and encourage a strong Jewish identity in Israel and within our local community. Our efforts are directed towards raising funds where urgently needed.

Where there are children in Israel to be cared for, there are Emunah Child Care Centres, high schools, special homes and children's villages. Where there is adult illiteracy, there is remedial education. Where there are older people at risk, there is aid for the elderly. There is instruction for Bar Mitzvah preparations for disadvantaged boys, and there are summer rest camps for overburdened mothers, to name just a few.

Locally, our chapters' programs encompass varied subjects of interest on a broad scale.

We concluded the year's activities in May 1989 with our Mother-in-Israel Luncheon, featuring Hannah Eliashiv of Montreal, as the guest speaker.

At Rosh Hashana time, the Rachel Kizeli "Honey Project" matched "in take" with dedicated "in put". Its great success was measured not only by the generous response of our Ottawa donors, but as well by their bigness of heart, "giving with a smile," which in turn put a smile on the faces of the recipients, Israel's children.

Our November meeting at the home of Shelli Kalson was a thoroughly enjoyable fun evening: a lingerie fashion show arranged by Dina Gosewich of "Next to Nothing Lingerie."

In December, our annual Chanukah Melaveh Malka was again graciously hosted in the home of Rachel and Joel Dena. A congenial yearly social for members and their husbands. Rabbi Israel Morgenstern inspired us with his beautiful Chanukah Devar Torah — our members served up a fabulous menu of delicacies to tantalize our palates.

At the home of Fruma Rose, our February meeting featured Dr. Eli Kanigsberg on "Stress Management," a most interesting subject, skillfully presented.

In March, Emunah staged a unique Gala Musical Benefit Concert, proudly featuring Chazan Moshe Kraus, acclaimed for his fine tenor voice, in a one-man show "Dash M'Anash," a most enjoyable medley of Chassidic songs and tales. He was accompanied on the piano by the talented Evelyn Greenberg.

In April, the Rachel Kizeli Chapter again dedicated their efforts to their annual Mo os Chittim Project, helping to obtain Pesach provisions for needy families.

Our Mother in Israel fundraiser is well on its way for the month of May. In view of the tremendous challenge Israel faces in its Operation Exodus, the absorption of huge waves of Russian immigrants, Emunah Council has taken the decision of doing away with our annual Dinner, so that 100% of the funds raised, will go directly to help Israel's great task ahead. This decision has been universally lauded by our dedicated donors, who wholeheartedly agree that Israel will be served the better for it.

In grateful appreciation for the community's generosity and support, the names of all Mothers in Israel were published in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. This is charity at the highest level, and we express our genuine gratitude to the growing numbers of Mothers in Israel, who each year join our ranks.

Today's Scholars... Tomorrow's Leaders



This 98th year of service to the Jewish Community of Ottawa the pace of events is picking up at Congregation Beth Shalom. Especially since the entire team of clergy assumed their duties earlier this year. Joining Rabbis Saul I. Aranov and Gershon Sonnenschein are Cantor Stephen Chalet and Chazzan Sheini Harry Beck.

Cantor Chalet has wasted no time in establishing himself as a leader in the Cantorial and musical fields locally. Shortly after his arrival, he won the hearts of his new congregants with an inspirational performance for the High Holy Days. In November, he impressed many from the Community at large, when he presented a Discourse and Exposition of Jewish Music as part of the Beth Shalom Adult Studies Institute. At the Beth Shalom Chaunkah Ball in December, the Cantor performed an outstanding selection of opera pieces, accompanied as he was in November by Evelyn Greenberg on the piano. Currently, Cantor Chalet is organizing a choir to perform for each Shabbat Mevorchim Ha'Chodesh and is researching the music of the late Cantors Rabin and Gertler for special retrospective Sabbaths in honour of these two predecessors. Cantor Chalet is being joined by the celebrated Cantor David Bagley of Toronto in Gala Cantorial Concert taking place on June 18 — an event not to be missed.

Reverend Harry Beck, the new

Chazan Sheini, has built an excellent rapport with the youth at Beth Shalom. The positive relationship began with his distribution of candy during the High Holy Day services but continues with his patient tutoring, preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Mafirts and organization of the youngsters each Sabbath to participate at the end of the service. Adult congregants appreciate his able organization of daily services, careful attention to the observance of Yahrzeits and flawless reading of the Torah. Harry was instrumental in organizing a Beth Shalom-Beth Shalom West-Sephardic Community Chanukah Party which attracted close to 500 children and adults!

Rabbi Aranov continues the tireless efforts which have won him the admiration of the congregants. He continues his visits to the Regional Centre at Smiths Falls and was the moving force behind a Tu B'Shevat-Shabbat Shira Friday Night Dinner on February 9. A Jewish Humour Night and Dinner on Friday, March 2 and, of course, the successful Beth Shalom Adult Studies Institute. The Rabbi organized a seder at the Rideau Regional Centre with clergy of other faiths and the residents and staff.

The Sisterhood outdid itself this year with the most frolic and lavish Gala Chanukah Ball yet. The Chassidic



Congregation Beth Shalom

Jack Aaron, President
Rabbi Saul I. Aranov, Spiritual Leader

theme was carried through from the decorations to the costumes worn by the waiters and waitresses. Not one, but two bands performed — a show-band and a Klezmer orchestra. In addition to the entertainment provided by the two musical groups, the original cast of the Jewish community production of *Fiddler on the Roof* performed excerpts from the play, to the delight of those present, and Cantor Chalet thrilled everyone with his operatic performance. The sumptuous multi-course meal featured elegant french service. The Sisterhood has planned an Art Auction for the spring and is in the process of renovating the Gift Shop, which boasts a selection of merchandise unique in Ottawa.

As Beth Shalom prepares for the Centennial in 5752 (1991-92), renovations and upgrading continue. Indeed,

anyone who has not attended recently would be quite impressed with the 'new look' in the Main Sanctuary. A computer was recently acquired to organize membership records. A stately new home for the Rabbi was purchased recently by the Congregation and Rabbi and Mrs. Aranov took occupancy in November. Close to 25 new families joined Congregation Beth Shalom Downtown in the early part of this year alone.

With a combined membership of some 750 families and with facilities in two locations, Congregation Beth Shalom/Beth Shalom West continues to grow. An ambitious membership campaign is currently underway and as the Centennial of 'Ottawa's First Congregation' approaches, the members look forward to even bigger and better things in their second century.



Temple Israel

Irving Rootman, President
Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, Spiritual Leader

The past year has been a time of change for Temple Israel. We have changed our president (twice), vice-president (three times), treasurer, office manager, secretary (twice), organist, committee chairs and accountant. In spite of the disruptions caused by these changes the Temple has continued to grow and thrive.

In terms of "growth," we have added about fifty family units to our Congregation in the past year. In addition, several families, including our Rabbis', were blessed with babies. One of the highlights of the past year in fact was the birth and briss of Jacob Justin Tanenbaum, son of Rabbi Tanenbaum and Marta Braiterman. A large number of congregants attended Jacob's briss to welcome him into the congregation and to wish his proud parents a hearty Mazal Tov. More recently, the congregation wished Rabbi Tanenbaum a Mazal Tov on being elected president of the Conference of Canadian Reform Rabbis — an honor both for himself and Temple Israel!

In terms of "thriving," it is clear that over the past year, the Temple continued to pursue its many activities with vigor and creativity. In fact, if anything the pace of activities increased. One has to only think of the many excellent school and Adult Education Programs that have taken place, the Social Action initiatives (such as our support to a community of weavers in Guatemala through the Jewish Association for Development) and Services, the numerous youth group activities, the Shabbat Tot Program, the focus groups that many participated in as part of the Long Range Planning exercise, the Establishment of a 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee and the Va'ad Briut activities (such as a series on aging parents). Indeed, over the past year there has been a renewed enthusiasm for Temple life and an increased willingness to participate and to plan for the future.

In addition, the Temple introduced a number of new policies which have had or will have a positive influence on Temple life. They include the smoke-free building policy, the High Holiday ticket policy and most recently, the Temple environmental policy formulated by the Youth Group. Improvements, such as an alarm system and washroom aids for the disabled were also made to the facilities.

None of the positive developments that I mentioned would have taken place without the hard work and dedication of Temple staff and members who are too numerous to name here. With this kind of commitment there is no doubt that Temple Israel has a bright future in the Ottawa Jewish community and my successor, Mort Bercovitch, will find his job as president pleasant and rewarding.



Ottawa Friends of Peace Now

Dr. David Brooks, Chairman

During 1989/90, Ottawa Friends of Peace Now (Shalom Achshav) continued to promote dialogue within the Jewish community on options for peace in the Middle East. We introduced the community to prominent Israelis and Palestinians with dovish points of view. We also assisted in building bridges between Israelis and Palestinians who are committed to mutual recognition and a two-state solution to the conflict.

Our feature event was a Middle East peace conference in November, 1989 which brought together leading Israeli, diaspora-Jewish, Palestinian and Arab moderates committed to peace through territorial compromise. Keynote speakers were Yehoshafat Harkabi, former Chief, Military Intelligence, Israeli Defense Forces, and Afif Safiah, PLO representative to The Hague. Each spoke of the need for pragmatism and accommodation, saying both Israelis and Palestinians must give up maximalist demands and seek a compromise that would give both people a state of their own.

Held at the Skyline Hotel, the conference was co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of Peace Now, the United Nations Association of Canada, the National Council on Canadian-Arab Relations, and the Near East Cultural Foundation.

Also in November, we presented a talk at the Jewish Community Centre by Paul Scham, Washington representative of American Friends of Peace Now, on Shalom Achshav's role in the peace process.

In January 1990, David Brooks, Va'ad representative for Ottawa Friends, was the guest of Temple Israel's Sunday morning discussion group. He presented a video entitled: "If Not Now, When?" giving the Peace Now perspective, and answered questions afterwards.

On April 23, 1990, we had the honor of sponsoring a talk by Yael Dayan, noted Israeli author and journalist, member of the Labour Party and daughter of the late Moshe Dayan. Ms. Dayan spoke at the Jewish Community Centre on the need for Israel to begin negotiations with the Palestinians to settle the conflict. She said a majority of Israelis support Labour's position or even more liberal stances.

While in Ottawa, Ms. Dayan also met with representatives of the Canada-Israel Committee, the Jewish Community Council, various parliamentarians and external affairs officials.

During the year, we wrote several articles for the Jewish Bulletin updating readers on current thinking in and activities of Israel's peace movement.

We also participated in developing a formal structure and statement of purpose for Canadian Friends of Peace Now, which has five affiliates, including Ottawa. Essentially, Canadian Friends exists to support the Shalom Achshav movement in Israel, a Zionist movement dedicated to a secure and democratic Israel. It works for peace between "a free Palestine and a secure Israel."



Agudath Israel Congregation

Barbara Farber, President
Arnold Fine, Spiritual Leader

Our shul programming agenda for 1989/90 has been vibrant, stimulating and diversified. Danny Friedman, our chazzan sheini provided us with a fascinating lecture and slide presentation series on the history and development of the synagogue as well on the development of Jewish liturgy. As well, in the fall of the year Mr. Friedman led a most successful and well-attended trip to Israel. Rosh Chodesh dinner lectures were also scheduled in co-operation with our Men's Club and a Torah Fund weekend was a great success with visiting Professors Calvin and Frances Goidscheider. This was a joint effort between our Sisterhood and the continuing education committee. Other study groups were led by Rabbi Fine. Our choir, ably led by Cantor David Aptowitzer and Bernie Shinder, was wonderful again this year and as usual greatly enhanced our services.

Good programming continued on down to our youth with all age groups having an active and productive year. Congratulations to the children and their leaders.

Besides needed structural repairs, we have also beautified the interior of the synagogue with the help of generous donors. The bridal suite has been refurbished; we have a stately new memorial wall as well as a magnificent new interior to the Aron Kodesh.

Rabbi Fine and his family have taken a six-month sabbatical in Israel January - July of this year. His reports have been happily exuberant and they will have much to share with all of us upon their return. In Rabbi Fine's absence, Rabbi Herbert Kavon from New York has been coming in to lead the congregation on Shabbat.

In the past year we have also had a complete changeover in office personnel. After many loyal years with us we bid a fond farewell to Leah Miller and also to Wendy Klein and Heather Cohen. We wish all three women well in all their future endeavours. And we welcome to our staff Sue Fisher, office manager along with Susan Friedman and Bess Weiner. Keep up the good work!

Agudath Israel Congregation has been a major player in community life as well. We have hosted many community programs and functions. And, as a congregation, we can also claim to be the largest Israel Bond purchasers.

We say with pride that we have a beautiful Shul Family housed in a magnificent synagogue. This is attributable to our members, to our hard-working board and executive, to our generous donors, our office staff and our clergy. To each and every one of you — Yasher Koach and thank you for making my first term as president a most enjoyable one. I thank you for the privilege of serving as the president of Agudath Israel Congregation.

Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Ruth Freiman, President, Ottawa Chapter



In May 1989, Dr. and Mrs. George Marcus hosted a reception for Weizmann supporters in honour of the three outstanding Ottawa students selected to attend the Weizmann Institute summer programs. Daniel Freedman and Trevor Demayo attended the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence 20th International Summer Science Institute (ISSI), while Barry Freedman (an alumni of the ISSI) attended the Karyn Kupciet program.

Two Ottawa ISSI scholarships were awarded. The 1989 Weisz-Adler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Trevor Demayo and the 1989 Luella Kayla Youth Scholarship was awarded to Yvonne Kaether of Toronto. Both scholarships were established by Ottawa residents.

In August, Ruth Freiman accepted the presidency of the Ottawa Chapter. A new Board of Directors was established and its first meeting was held in November.

The 1989 Weizmann Memorial Lecture was held in October. The guest lecturer was Professor Anat Biegon, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, Isotope Department and Associate Professor, Department of Neurobiology at the Weizmann Institute of Science. In the afternoon Dr. Biegon addressed a Scientific Seminar at the University of Ottawa and in the evening she spoke on "The Effects of Depression and Aging on the Human Brain" to a near-capacity audience at a public lecture held at the Royal Ottawa Hospital. A dinner for Dr. Biegon was hosted by the Ottawa Chapter.

On February 5, 1990, the Ottawa Chapter held a reception to announce the first recipient of the Dr. Bert Migicovsky Scholarship. A Ph.D. student from Ottawa, Jerry Eichler, was named as the winner of the scholarship. Jerry, who received his M.Sc. degree at Weizmann, is presently working toward his Ph.D. in neurobiology at the Institute. The Dr. Bert Migicovsky Scholarship was established by the Ottawa community as a permanent monument to one of the best known and highly respected Canadian scientists in biochemistry and agriculture.

For additional information on the activities of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science call the Ottawa office at 56 Sparks Street, Suite 606, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A9, Tel. 236-3391.

Ottawa Women's ORT

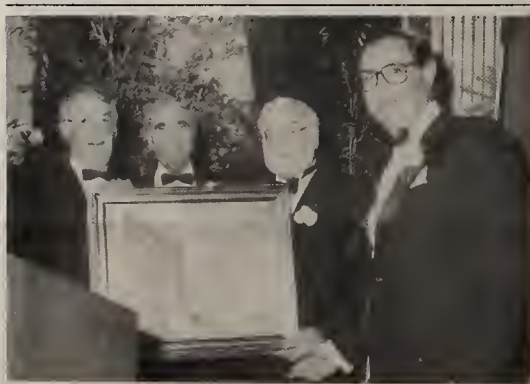
Lynn Levitan, President



In the past year ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) has remained dedicated and committed to its cause, the education of young people and adults, enabling them to live in the modern world equipped with the technological skills of the age. There has been expansion in the ORT network in South America, Spain and negotiations are underway in China, and the return of ORT to Hungary. The most exciting new school opened last year in Karmiel, Israel with students from the diaspora joining Israeli students.

Here in Ottawa our four chapters have been busy raising funds; the Shalom, Eilat and Eretz Chapters have held successful teas with our youngest Chapter, Chaverot, holding several major functions, e.g. a Fall tea and fashion show, Christmas gift wrapping at the Carlingwood Shopping Centre, the sale of Entertainment Books, and they are presently taking orders for their Mother's Day Brunch Box project. This consists of a lovely box of bagels, lox, cream cheese, danish, orange juice and sweets, which is delivered the night before Mother's Day at a cost of \$20.00. Chaverot meet every second week and have had interesting speakers on a variety of topics — sex and marriage, Rabbi Bulka on family time management, a talk on plastic surgery, and a fashion show of aerobic wear.

Ottawa Regional ORT is planning its closing and awards evening on Wednesday, May 23. At this time, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking each member of ORT, the ladies on the Regional Board, and the community for their ongoing support.



The Jewish National Fund

Bob Gencher, Chairman

The Jewish National Fund has just completed an exceptional year in Ottawa in terms of funds raised and community participation. The year was highlighted by a record Negev Dinner campaign and a very successful Tu B'Shvat Telethon. The 1989 Negev Dinner honoured Norman Lesh for his exemplary commitment to the Ottawa Jewish Community and to Israel. The campaign's proceeds established the Norman Lesh forest of 112,000 trees in the Galil in Israel. Arnold Kimmel was campaign chairman and Daniel Kimmel was dinner chairman. The dinner, held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, boasted a capacity attendance of 560 people.

The 1990 Tu B'Shvat Telethon was an outstanding success under the able chairmanship of Sarah Swedler. Forty volunteer canvassers combined their efforts at the offices of Mastercraft Development Corporation to realize the planting of 2000 trees.

The inscriptions program is thriving under the very capable leadership of Leah Gencher. Parents of upcoming Bnei Mitzvot are contacted to link their children permanently with the State of Israel through inscriptions in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Golden Books and gardens. Certificates are presented on the occasion in synagogue.

The education program of the JNF is ongoing. Nurit Grossman, JNF educational Shilcha has met with principals, teachers and children of the various Jewish schools to provide them with programming and workshops with regard to the study of Israel and holidays. Educational materials are provided on a regular basis by the JNF.

In February 1990, 750 Canadians visited Israel as part of the JNF Tu B'Shvat Mission. Twenty-two of the group were Ottawans and they participated in the dedication of the Norman Lesh forest.

On a daily basis, trees, chai certificates, dunams and gardens are purchased to acknowledge all occasions.

The Jewish National Fund is a vibrant organization. The executive consists of Past Chairman Irving Rivers, Chairman Bob Gencher, Vice Chairmen Sid Goldstein, Henry Molot and Rose Taylor, and Secretary Roz Talier. For further information on the Jewish National Fund call 230-9047.

Young Israel of Ottawa

Michael Bendel, President
Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Spiritual Leader



During the past year, Young Israel of Ottawa has continued to offer to its members and to the community as a whole, exciting and innovative Torah-based programs.

One of the highlights of the year was a Shabbaton on Shabbos Parsbas Vayera in November, featuring Rabbi Dr. Immanuel J. Shochet, renowned teacher, writer and rabbi from Toronto. The subjects dealt with by Rabbi Shochet in a series of talks and discussions during the Shabbos included: *Myself, My Family and the Community*; the *Akeidah Sacrifice*; *Thoughts on the Parsha*; and *Halacha or Kabbalah*. As always with Rabbi Shochet, his presentations and discussions were thought-provoking and provocative.

During the year, as in the past couple of years, a highly successful *Melava Malka* series of discussion groups, led by Rabbi Berger, was held. The format of these evenings, usually hosted by members in their homes, has been for the Rabbi to make a presentation on selected topics in Jewish law or philosophy, followed by informal discussion and a social evening. The topics dealt with included the following: *Business Ethics*; *Minhag or Mishigas*; *A Layman's Guide to Prophecy*; and *The Church and The Jew*.

New initiatives in youth programming at the Shul were introduced this year. In addition to the Junior Congregation for younger children, led by Rabbi Wenger, we now have Junior Davening every Shabbos for children from grades 1 through 4. Supervised by a parent and led by one of their peers as Chazan, the children devote about an hour every Shabbos morning to prayer. It has been gratifying to note how much progress they have made in their knowledge and abilities to lead the services. Regular attendance is rewarded by coupons, which can be redeemed for prizes, and a trip to Montreal is planned for the core group of children who participate regularly. A new Sunday morning program for children, held once a month, was also

introduced this year. It is a "Breakfast and Learn Program" for fathers and children. The children bring with them the Chumash or Mishnayos they are currently studying in school and, under the guidance of one of the fathers, they review, in groups, some of their work. Part of the purpose is to convey to the children a sense of the importance their parents attach to their Torah studies. A further very successful youth program that has continued from previous years has been our regular *Messibos Shabbos*, and opportunity for the children to play together, and enjoy stories and snacks every Shabbos afternoon.

A full range of adult education is offered by the Shul. Gemara classes are held every Shabbos afternoon with Rabbi Berger, and every Sunday evening with Rabbi Wenger. Every Tuesday evening, Rabbi Berger leads a class in Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism. Immediately following services every Shabbos morning, a class in Torah Or is given by Rabbi Berger and is accompanied by cholent. On Shabbos afternoons during the summer months, a ladies' class in *Pirkei Avos* is given by Rabbi Berger.

As in previous years, the full cycle of the calendar has been marked by appropriate Shul activities. A highly successful Succah party, featuring Isaac Muzikansky, was held during Succos, as was our regular *Simchas Bais Hashoeva*. Our traditional *Simchas Torah Seudah* was again a big success, as were the *Purim Seudah* and the *Moshiach Seudah* (on the last day of Pesach).

Our membership has shown a modest increase. Membership is open to the Jewish community as a whole. Our services are orthodox and relatively informal. They are marked by a high degree of participation from our members. We take considerable pride in having continued to attract significant numbers, not just of members, but also of associate members and non-members to our services and our various programs.

Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University

Susannah Dalfen, Chairman



The Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University had a rather subdued year of activity, due in large part to the Vaad moratorium on public fundraising.

Prof. Yehuda Gradus of BGU addressed the community on the efforts being made at the university to develop desert technologies in the Negev. The crucial role the University is now playing in the integration and settlement of Soviet Jews was also highlighted.

Several members of the Ottawa Branch attended a dinner in Montreal and supported a fund established for cultural activities at the university in honour of Philip Katz, the retiring executive director of BGU Canada.

Most recently, Prof. Richmond, the director of the Desert Research Institute, visited Ottawa and brought us up to date on the role BGU is playing not only in Israel itself but in disseminating technologies and good will to many developing nations. On the occasion of Prof. Richmond's visit, Mr. and Mrs. William Grossman joined the international Founders of Ben Gurion University.



Israel Program Centre

Reuven Solomon, Shaliach

The Israel Program Centre, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Centre, provides the following community programs:

- The promotion and organization of various short and long term programs in Israel.

- Serving as a resource centre for information about Israel.

- Organizing and assisting in the organization of Israel-oriented community events.

In January of this year we initiated, together with the JCC, a Hebrew Course for beginners with Gila Solomon teaching at Beth Shalom West Congregation. This was followed by an Intermediate Course. Both were well attended with 27 completing the first course and 15 finishing the second course.

During an average week, about a dozen people are interviewed regarding programs in Israel. The most popular program is Kibbutz Volunteer for periods ranging from one to twelve months. The Kibbutz Ulpan (four to five months studying Hebrew and working on a kibbutz) comes a close second.

This summer 35 High School students from grades 10 to 13 are registered for summer programs in Israel, 18 of them on the Canadian Zionist Federation "Summer in Israel" programs, 11 on the Habonim-Dror SHK program, and additional six on the one-year Workshop for High School Graduates.

The Aliyah Group "Outlook", formed last year with the help of Educational Shaliach Tony Brown, has blossomed into a large gathering of people from various backgrounds and ages interested in exploring the option of Aliyah. Four past participants have already taken up the option while three families are on the threshold of Aliyah.

The Israel Program Centre has been active in presentations at schools and, together with JSU Hillel, organized Israel Days at Carleton and Ottawa Universities and at Queen's University in Kingston.

In addition to community events such as "Rosh Chodesh" and "Shiri Moledet" programs, we are actively involved in assisting other Israel-oriented community programs, such as the Israeli Film Festival and Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations.

We are proud to be of service to the community in furthering the interests of Eretz Israel.

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation

Maurice Wright, President



A very busy and successful 1989/90 season was enjoyed by the Ottawa branch of the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation.

The opening meeting was held on Sunday, September 21 at the residence of His Excellency Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh and his wife Shulamit. Members and prospective members enjoyed the chance to view many of the ambassador's paintings and to be part of a very pleasant social event.

On Sunday, December 17 the annual Chanukah party was held at the home of Evelyn and Irving Greenberg. The guest artist was Cantor Stephen Chalet of Beth Shalom Synagogue. Cantor Chalet is an outstanding tenor who studied voice and cantorial repertoire with the world famous Cantor David Bagley. A performance by David Solomon, the young Israeli student who is being assisted in his musical studies by Ottawa CICF, added to the enjoyment of the evening. An exciting conclusion to the evening was the drawing for a painting by Ambassador Gur-Arieh and two other paintings by Israeli artists. It was a delightful Chanukah party and a fitting reward to the standing room only crowd who braved high winds and below zero temperatures to attend.

Wednesday, February 21 celebrated the coming event, "A Coat of Many Colours." Sara Vered gave a very interesting overview of the project using slides of many of the artifacts from the exhibit. The meeting took place in the party room of the Sussex Apartments. We were pleased to have with us Andrea Bronfman, co-chairman of the exhibit; Joan Comay, wife of the late Michael Comay, the first ambassador of Israel to Canada; and Sylvia Gelber. Miss Gelber had just published her book, *No Balm in Gilead* about the years of the British Mandate in Israel. She spoke briefly about her book and answered questions about her life in Israel in those early days.

On Sunday, March 18, CICF was pleased to lend its support to the Continuing Education and Department of English of the University of Ottawa when they presented an evening of readings by the talented and major figure in contemporary Israeli writing, Moshe Dor. The author was joined at the reading by two of his leading translators: University of Ottawa Professor Seymour Mayne and American Poet Barbara Goldberg of Columbia University.

The final meeting of the season was a concert featuring two extremely talented musicians. Hagai Shacham, winner of the 1989 Kornhauser Award of Excellence in Violin and recipient of a Lawrence Freiman CICF Scholarship established by the Ottawa Chapter of CICF and Arnon Erez, winner of the prestigious Clairmont Award. These two young Israeli musicians were a source of great delight to the audience attending the concert on Tuesday, May 22 in the Lawrence Freiman Hall at the University of Ottawa. It was with a great deal of pride that the members of CICF read the exceptionally glowing reviews in the Citizen the next day. We all look forward to hearing of many outstanding achievements by these wonderful young Israeli musicians.

Plans are now underway for the 1990/91 season. We are confident that it will be as interesting and satisfying as the one just past.



Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Marion Mayman, President

1989-90 has been a very busy and successful year for Agudath Israel Sisterhood.

Before the High Holidays, as is our custom, we welcomed all new shul members by delivering challah and wine to their homes. On Simchat Torah and Purim over 200 treat bags were distributed to the children.

This year Sisterhood held a variety of programs, including book reviews, a play, fashion show, scarf demonstration and a weekly Torah study group led by our Chazan Sheini Danny Friedman.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood celebrated its 40th anniversary at the

opening luncheon meeting held on September 20. At this luncheon we remembered and relived our past by honoring all our past presidents. A script written by Ruth Levitan and read by Trudy Wiseman highlighted our achievements throughout the years. On November 9, in honor of Jewish Book Month the novel *The Bonfires of the Vanities* was reviewed by Professor Elaine Newton of York University.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood and Malca Pass Library jointly formed a Book Discussion Club. The following novels were reviewed: *Loving Kindness* by Ann Roiphe, *Love in the Time*

of Cholera by Gabrielle Garcia Marquez, *Don't Blame Mother* by Paula Caplan.

Two successful Chanukah programs took place in December. Our annual family Chanukah party on December 30, and on December 13, Agudath Israel Sisterhood was proud to present the play "The Courting of Sally Schwartz" a Cameo Production. Our guests included thirty residents from Hillel Lodge.

Several winter programs were held. The first on January 17 featured special guest Jackie Margolese, author of the cookbook *Eat Hearty*. Her topic was low fat eating — why and how. On February 24, and 25 we held our Torah Fund Shabbath weekend. Then in March Agudath Israel Sisterhood Board hosted a meeting of the board of the Eastern Branch of Women's League. Several members from Montreal attended. Following the meeting and light lunch Bonnie Lyman showed slides from the exhibit "A Coat of Many Colours."

On Wednesday, April 25, we held a day long program in honor of spring. In the morning Roberta Helpman of Simply Scarves presented a demonstration and sale of the latest scarf fashions. The luncheon speaker was

Doreen Keir, speaking on Lifestyle Choices. This was followed by a fashion show featuring fashions by Body Art Activewear and Joanne Gold of Ottawa.

Our year concluded with a dinner meeting on May 17. The guest speaker Dr. Paula Caplan addressed the topic of her book *Don't Blame Mother*. This was followed by the installation of our 1990-1991 Sisterhood Board.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood activities also included the funding of the Shul's youth programming, as well as running a Nearly New Shop and the Synagogue Gift Shop which services our members and the community. The Malca Pass Library is open on Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning, and is constantly being updated with new books and videos.

Special thanks to all of the Sisterhood Board members, and to everyone who contributed and participated in our programs and activities during the past year. Todah raba to Rabbi Fine, Cantor Aptowitz, Danny Friedman and the office staff for their continued help and support. I know that with all of your help the coming years will continue to be successful.

Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge

Pauline Litwack, President



The quality of life for the residents of Hillel Lodge continues to be the primary concern of the members of the Women's Auxiliary. Our goal, therefore, is two-fold: (1) to provide personal stimulus by volunteering at birthday parties, holiday special events, afternoon outings and visiting on a regular basis at the Lodge and (2) to continue fundraising projects by drawing on the generosity and kindness of all those who support our efforts.

Our past year included the annual spring and fall teas which were once again supported by our generous community, and a Used Fur Sale. All three major events providing the funds to enable the Auxiliary to improve the quality of life for our residents, by means of the following: providing birthday gifts throughout the year for each of the residents, at a monthly birthday party; preparing Shalom plates at Purim for each of the residents; providing wine for each Yom Tov and Sabbath kiddush; sponsoring a Chanukah party with a gift to each resident; decorating the Succah for the holiday; Succot with residents participating along with volunteers; providing the money prizes for weekly bingo games, which are especially enjoyed by all; providing bus transportation for weekly outings.

Items purchased during the past year include:

•Reality Orientation Board

- Bingo machine
- VCR (donated by Mrs. Rose Litwack)
- Custom-made swing for outdoors
- 20 new Telassim for our Shule members
- \$1,900 towards purchase of new small Torah and 2 holders
- Half the cost of the Call-Bell-System recently installed in each resident's room and bathroom and nurses' stations.

Further activities by the Auxiliary women include participation in Arts Alive and ongoing sales of donated handicrafts, all of which provide additional assistance for our programs.

Thanks must be given to all those wonderful gifted people who continue to entertain the residents, volunteers who decorate the Succah for Succot, those members who visit hospitalized residents. Auxiliary women who regularly visit the Lodge and provide the personal contact so necessary to the residents, those people who knit or sew and help to keep our arts and crafts showcase well stocked, and lastly, the convenor of the annual Golden Age luncheon and her able assistants who help to prepare for this event.

Special mention also to those kind and generous hostesses who open their homes for summer afternoon garden parties for our residents.

Thanks to all of you.

Beth Shalom West Sisterhood

Magda Benedek, President



Once again it is time to look back at the past year with surprise and with great pride. Surprise because the year passed so quickly and pride because we accomplished many things and enjoyed ourselves tremendously.

We started our year off with David Smith as our guest speaker. David, as always, was very entertaining, teaching us new ways to prepare a "gourmet and kosher Shabbat dinner." At this meeting we presented Morris Presser with a small plaque making him an honorary member of the Sisterhood. Morris has always been there to help and support the Sisterhood in whatever capacity.

In November, Dr. Aviva Freedman spoke about anti-Semitism in literature taught in our high schools, and how to respond to it. It was a thought-provoking evening.

Next we had Marian Balla, a well-known psychologist, speak to us about helping our children do their best. She amused and taught at the same time.

In April Dianne Zion instructed us on "How to start a perennial garden." The Sisterhood was busy in the shul as well. We organized the meal after Hakafot and hosted our members, as well as members of Beth Shalom, with a fun party and supper after Megillah reading. It was worth peeling 800 hot dogs and serving the capacity crowd as everyone agreed that it was a most successful evening.

Our Art Auction in November provided us with funds to help the shul in different ways. We bought a Parochet for the Aron Kodesh, purchased another Succah and enhanced the sanctuary with silk flowers.

We have opened a gift shop in the shul in which we carry a variety of attractive gifts and practical items as well as books. It is open daily from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or by appointment by calling me at 828-0883.

It's been fun! It's been rewarding! Now I look forward to serving under our next President Maxine Rabinovitch.

Ottawa Council of Hadassah-WIZO

Beverly Swedko, President



September is traditionally Hadassah-WIZO month where one of our projects is highlighted across Canada. This year Marcia Sachs chaired our opening function featuring the Neri Bloomfield Haifa College which offers young Israelis diplomas in the arts, photography and music. Lynda Greenberg of Gallery Lynda Greenberg was guest speaker and Susan Brison guest artist.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO has remained involved with Soviet Jewry. Chairman Deanna Silverman and her committee of letter writers recently heard that our adopted refusenik family has successfully emigrated to Israel.

In October, Rhona Levine chaired the annual Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar at the Civic Centre. This was our third Sunday Bazaar which has proven to be a successful family-oriented day.

In November, Hadassah-WIZO, in co-operation with Pioneer Women Na'amat and the Holocaust Committee, presented the movie *Hanna's War*.

Fall is Youth Aliyah time in Ottawa. Sandy Bennett and Toby Yan chaired a most successful campaign which culminated with a dinner and variety show known as "Tuesday Night Live," performed by our own talented Ottawa youngsters.

In February the Amit Chapter held "A Taste of Chocolate" under the capable chairmanship of Terry Schwarzfeld. This event is so successful that cities across Canada are also staging this project.

Spring is Medical Services and Marion Mayman is chairman this year. The annual dinner took place Thursday, May 24 at Machzikei Hadas. Our guest speaker was the Honourable Richard Patten, Ontario Minister of Correctional Services.

In June we will hold our final open general meeting for 1989-90 and a new slate of officers will be installed including Marion Mayman as the new Council president.

I am delighted to report that Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO has a new young chapter, the Tikvah Chapter, with Lynda Taller-Wakter as president.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO has an active portfolio of projects in which our 16 chapters participate. Ongoing projects include selling cards for all occasions, Entertainment Books and "Travel Trips" whereby a tax receipt is received for a portion of your travel.

Our programming as well as our fundraising enable us to meet our commitments to our many projects in Israel.

Young Israel Synagogue Sisterhood

Neshi Rodin, President



This past year has been very interesting for our Sisterhood. We began with the Yomim Noraim Babysitting Services, with a very strong co-ordinating committee working on aspects such as room set-up, meals and snacks, babysitters, toys and equipment, and fundraising. Parents participated actively, devoting an hour or so each session to help ensure the smooth running of the program, and many compliments were received concerning discipline and general decorum during services for those davening.

In the midst of the Chanukah school break, Sisterhood organized a "Latke Special" for the children, with musical entertainment, arts and crafts supervised by several members of the Teens Division, and, of course, plenty of latkes. The elder participants set up an impromptu baseball game while the younger ones finished the afternoon with a round of quizzes and stories. This program proved very satisfying to both children and parents alike and hopefully such an event will be set up over the Passover break, as well.

Our major fall event was the Tea and Art Exhibit, which we began planning the previous spring. This proved to be a most successful fundraiser as well as an inspiring and interesting event in its own right, exposing the community to the artistry of several of our own Sisterhood members, profes-

sional artists whose credentials and abilities were most impressive. With funds raised by this event, we continued on with our kitchen renovations, installing a much-needed flaising sink and counter to complement our new cabinets.

Another fall event was our annual participation in Arts Alive, which was as well a successful fundraiser and which provided funds to purchase various synagogue items of general use.

Winter was pretty well taken up with meetings to draft our new constitution, now in its last stages and ready for presentation to the Sisterhood membership. The gloom and drab of February in Ottawa was greatly enlivened by our well-attended International Kosher Cooking Classes, a series of six lessons with menus from such disparate countries as Sri Lanka, Italy, Morocco, Austria, South Africa and, of course, Israel. The series was well received with participants greatly enjoying the opportunity to taste novelties prepared for the kosher kitchen. A recipe book will be available soon.

The following are members of the Sisterhood Executive: N. Rodin, President; Mrs. B. Caplan, Vice-President; Mrs. M. Adler, Treasurer; Mrs. B. Brown, Secretary; B. Steinberg, Member-at-Large; Mrs. L. Scarowski, Chairman tea fundraiser.

Maimonides

George Adler, Chairman
Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Educational Director
Yolaine Munter, Vice-Principal



The 89-90 school year has been a very successful one for Maimonides. With an enrolment of 165 students, Maimonides serves as Ottawa's tri-lingual Jewish Day School. Children achieve a fluency in French and English together with a working use of the Hebrew language.

Maimonides is a non-profit day school founded in 1978. From a humble beginning of four students and a handful of volunteers, Maimonides has blossomed into one of the finest private schools in all of Canada. Our students participate in a Jewish-French Immersion Program, the only one of its kind outside Quebec. Academics, heritage, sports and character development are melded into a program that aspires to produce ethical and knowledgeable students.

Our Hebrew program combines an enriched study of Torah with an extensive Hebrew Language program. Academically, the French-Immersion program has achieved landmark results. Social Studies, Science, Math, Physical Education, Computer Science and Enriched Math are all part of the French Program. Our successful English program develops the language arts skills of reading, writing, spelling and grammar. For those students entering our school in the later grades, a special English Stream provides an excellent education. As pupils advance, math and science are integrated into the English curriculum. Music, art, plays, field trips, Read-a-Thon, Science Fair, help further enhance the development of our students.

Maimonides is proud of its professional staff whose dedication has been the cornerstone of our development. This development has been both rewarding and inspirational. We will strive to continue this program.

**A HAPPY, SAFE AND
HEALTHFUL SUMMER
TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILIES**

Adath Shalom Congregation

Harvey Goldberg
Jack Shinder
Fenja Brodso, Co-President

Adath Shalom was established by a group of individuals who felt the need for a small, people-oriented congregation with a feeling of "chavurah". Members are the heart of the synagogue actively participating in all aspects of shul activity.

We are a Conservative congregation where there is equal participation by women and men in prayer and study. Visiting rabbinical leadership complements our member-led services. Our congregation is unique for the lively discussions of the Torah portion at Shabbat services.

High Holy Days and festivals are times when our sense of community spirit is heightened. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur our own hazzanut group leads the davening and stimulates strong congregational participation. Our festival celebrations are freilich and shine with creativity. Children are welcomed and involved in shul services. Special children's programming is jointly planned by parents.

Adath Shalom has a strong interest in Jewish study. Together we examine the meaning of prayers and rituals and learn about Holy Days and festivals. Study groups, Shabbaton weekends, and tikuns are led by invited scholars.

Some of the highlights of 1989-90 included Yom Tovim services under the rabbinic leadership of visiting rabbinic student from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, family oriented programs to celebrate all the festivals, a series of adult education programs, and two Shabbaton weekends with visiting rabbis.

Shabbat morning services are held at 9:45 a.m. at the Greenbank Public School library in Nepean (Greenbank, one mile south of Baseline) weekly during the school year. Summer and winter-break services are held in members' homes.

For more information about Adath Shalom contact the membership chairperson, Joel Yan at 224-4560 or leave a message on the shul answering machine at 228-0570.

B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Simcha Chapter



Rosalie Fox, President

Simcha Chapter of B'nai Brith Women, now entering its third year, recently celebrated its Installation of new officers with Marcia Gurman, national president, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, who came to Ottawa for the event.

Simcha Chapter is an active group of single and married women, ages 25-40, interested in exploring women's issues as they relate to Judaism, supporting community social services by volunteering their time and energy, and contributing to B'nai Brith Women's programs in Israel and in Canada.

This past year, in addition to a successful holiday candy tray fundraising event, the women collected Chanukah presents for needy children, clothes for women's shelters and the BBW Boys Home in Israel, and volunteered their services to the Jewish Social Services Agency.

Evening programs are held every three weeks, and have included such topics as Financial Planning, Cooking Lessons with Ottawa's own Donna Karlin, JAPs and anti-Semitism, Wife Abuse and Flower Arranging. Successful women entrepreneurs are often highlighted at chapter programs, where having fun, cementing friendships and personal development are paramount.

Simcha Chapter is actively seeking new members who would like to share their ideas and find opportunities to contribute to the community. Anyone interested in information about the chapter or about any of our projects is invited to contact Dora Rattes (727-9937) or Benita Siemiatycki (729-3322).

B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge No. 885



Lou Honigman, President

This year one of our new C.V.S. (Community Volunteer Services) programs was working with the newly established Heart Institute Telethon which was very successful. Other ongoing endeavours consists of programs for the Children's Hospital, Smiths Falls Community Hospital, holding bingos at Hillel Lodge year round, providing videos for all types of libraries of Ottawa community-funded organizations.

Over the past year our Lodge bus was busy transporting Jewish and Gentile elderly to their respective destinations and programs. During their visit to Ottawa, handicapped war veterans also made good use of our bus and lodge driver.

Many of the above-mentioned programs are funded through our two major fundraising efforts: a car draw and the Ottawa Lodge Man of the Year dinner.

I believe our lodge's most successful programs this year have been due to the young adults joining our lodge. They have contributed much to our many programs and to the community and we welcome them.

This past year, as in the past, our annual young Israeli orphans program, to which many of you, when approached, kindly contributed, was again extremely successful. These young boys and girls spent a few weeks at Ottawa camp B'nai Brith, following which they visited Ottawa to sightsee and attend the Exhibition. During this time they were housed and took meals at a local hotel before returning to Israel.

Ottawa Camp B'nai Brith, is solely owned and operated by Ottawa Lodge 885, where many of you have enjoyed fun-filled summers in your youth or have sent your child for a delightful summer experience.

Ottawa Torah Institute

Aaron Sarna, President
Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern, Dean

Ottawa Torah Institute High School has made great strides in the eight years it has been part of the Ottawa Jewish community. A full-time Jewish High School accredited by the Ministry of Education, enrollment has grown, programs have been expanded, and its impact on the community has been significant.

A true believer of a school's quality is its graduates, and ours have done well. All have been accepted to the universities of their choice. Most have chosen to further their Jewish studies in Israel before going on to their university careers. They have attended the finest institutions of higher Jewish learning in Israel and have excelled there. These graduates are well-balanced adults who will take their places as the future leaders in the Jewish community.

We would like to welcome Rabbi Z. Shaps and family to our school. He has taken on the responsibility of Assistant Principal and has co-ordinated our rich Jewish studies program.

Mr. Alan Duffield is our Secular Director and is running a well-tuned English department. We have a wide course selection with our graduates going on in to the sciences, liberal arts, and business field.

We also have three IBM compatible computers with which we run a sophisticated computer program course selection.

OIT is more than just a school, it has a very vibrant adult education program which services upwards of 35 men and women a week. These classes are well received and much enjoyed by Ottawa residents.

We will also be having this year our annual Chazzan's Concert as part of the Coat of Many Colours program at the Museum of Civilization on June 5th. We also have been running camps for boys and girls during the summer for the past three years.

Beth Shalom West Congregation

Morris Presser, Chairman
Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein,
Spiritual Leader



Congregation Beth Shalom West's membership has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. We now have over 200 members — an increase of over 70 per cent in just two years. This past year alone, 40 new members joined our synagogue family, thanks to the hard work of Zachary Muroff and his committee. The increased number of members has resulted in a vibrant synagogue community: our newly-renovated building (including a Social Hall which is unmatched in the city) is operational 7 days a week with programming of some sort for the Jewish community in Nepean and the West End of Ottawa.

Some highlights of our programming were as follows:

- Our Youth Program, nicknamed "The Best in the West", continued to thrive, under the capable direction of Tony Brown. Our weekly Shiurim for teenagers, and our Shabbat afternoon "Zulat" program for Grades 3 to 7, attracted an ever-increasing number of young people from the neighbourhood. Our Purim carnival was very successful, as was our pre-Pesach car clean, which raised several hundred dollars for charity.
- Our Sisterhood, under Magda Benedek, continued its regular programming, with a host of interesting and informative speakers. The Sisterhood also put on a successful Art Auction, and opened a gift shop. Monies were raised for a number of purposes — among them, the donation of a second succah (the first was too small to accommodate our growing membership).
- Our Men's Club, under Doug Kalman, raised over \$400,000 from a Sports Auction, Bingo, and a Monte Carlo night. Monies were

donated to the synagogue for future capital needs, and, in the interim, were instrumental in reducing the interest costs associated with our expansion.

- Our Festivals Committee, under Elaine Friedberg and Naomi Krym, organized Simchat Torah and Purim seudahs, and a Shabbat dinner and program.
- A Siyum Sefer Torah, organized by Dr. Jonathan Isserlin, enabled us to add a second Sefer Torah to our collection, and attracted dignitaries from the Jewish and general communities.
- Our Chanukah and Purim celebrations, carried out jointly with Congregation Beth Shalom, attracted hundreds of people, all of whom enjoyed the food and merriment associated with these festivals.

And, although it was not a Beth Shalom West program, our congregation was extremely pleased to have N'Shei Chabad hold a champagne brunch on our premises, in honour of the Week of the Jewish Woman.

In addition, we added a part-time secretary to our staff, with the result that it has become much easier to reach Beth Shalom West by phone or by "just dropping in" than it was in the past.

In summary, then, Beth Shalom West has had yet another banner year. Moreover, our new Executive and Steering Committee are hard at work to ensure that things get even better next year!

Bytown Lodge B'nai Brith #3061

Allan Ruckenstein, President



As my term as president of Bytown Lodge soon comes to an end, I believe that the rebirth of the Lodge this year is only the beginning of what to expect in the years to come.

Membership for the 1989-1990 season resulted in an increase of seven new members to our Lodge.

Not unlike past years, our Lodge put our strengths behind fundraising through Entertainment books and services performed in our community rather than social activities.

Our annual Bytown Lodge/Big Brothers car rally held each June, was a big success this past summer under the supervision of Lodge member Sye Mincoff and his committee. Our 1990 rally committee is gearing up for this June.

Bi-weekly Tuesday night Bingo at Hillel Lodge is still going strong under the supervision of Lodge Vice President Joan Katz.

Last September our Lodge began conducting Monday Night Bingo every week at C.H.E.O. Over 15 Lodge members alternated weekly in groups of four in creating havoc in the hospital wards as Bytown Lodge members brought children in beds and wheelchairs to the Bingo room. Each week the children received gifts and prizes for coming to Bingo. These were generously donated to our Lodge by Toy World Stores and Esso Petroleum.

Last November we had a Sunday afternoon discussion with Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka. Over 50 people from the Jewish Community attended, making the launching of our Entertainment '90 book season the most successful in Lodge history. Sales from the previous year increased from 125 to 224 books. This year's total book sales for B'nai Brith amounted to \$8,512.00.

The 1989-1990 Lodge executive was as follows:

President: Allan Ruckenstein
1st vice President: Joan Katz
2nd vice President: Mark Borts
3rd vice President: Clemend Srou
Treasurer: Peter Wolfe
Financial Secretary: David Gladstone
Recording Secretary: Peter Wolfe
Chaplain: Eric Weisblom
Trustees: Sye Mincoff, Stuart Leibovitch

The upcoming year's executive selection is presently under way. Anyone wishing to become involved in the new executive is welcome and should contact the B'nai Brith office in Ottawa.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood

Donna Strauss, President



Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in Alta Vista has a large, capable membership. The Sisterhood is always looking for new, active members. We meet about ten times through the year and our activities are centred around the festive seasons. We meet to renew our friendships and to enjoy cultural and educational programs together.

Our goal in these endeavours is twofold: to engage in charitable work, and to raise money for worthwhile projects in the Shul and the community. This goal was realized several times in the past year. We participated in organizing the Shul's Chanukah and Purim parties, and in distributing Siddurim to our first graders in Jewish schools. A contingent of bakers produced over two thousand prune and mohn taschen, and another volunteer crew filled and delivered Mishloach Manot baskets to all the patients and convalescents at Hillel Lodge and area lodges and hospitals.

Other activities centred on cultural and educational interests. In January, we visited the new Museum of Civilization. In fall and late winter, we heard from a variety of speakers on serious issues. The discussions afterwards were always lively and lengthy. Dr. Stephen Klaiman discussed mother-daughter relationships and Dr. Peggy Kleinplatz male-female ones. Rabbi Ben Porat spoke on the religious-ethical aspects of rape and abortion, and Dr. Norman Barwin on infertility. Aaron Sarna of the Va'ad Hakashruth discussed the role of his institution in the community.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood owes its success to the vital role played by its executive and members. We hope that this coming year you will take an interest in becoming part of our organization, so that the new year will be even more rewarding than the old.

Ottawa Vaad Ha' Ir/UJA Professional and Support Staff 1989-90



Gerry Koffman
Executive Director



Keith Jeacle
Controller



Neil Silvert
Director
Campaign Administration



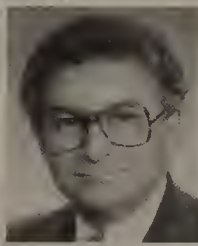
Pauline E. Pankowski
Director
Women's Division UJA



Aryeh Meir
Director,
Community Planning



Josie Finestone
Director,
Community Relations



Howard Goldberg
Assistant Director,
Ottawa Jewish
Community Foundation



Laura Greenberg
Assistant Controller



Cynthia Engel
Editor
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin



Alyce Baker
Business Manager
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin



Shirley Berman
Archivist



Shirley McCallum
Senior Secretary



Kayla Mallay
Secretary



Tracey Stark-Cameron
Secretary



Celia Abraham
Accounting Clerk



Abe Nadrich
Clerk

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF OTTAWA

Board of Trustees — 1990-91

Second Class Mail
Registration No. 4544

Officers and Executive Committee
Immediate Past President... Stephen Victor, Q.C.
President... Dr. Eli Rabin
First Vice-President... Dr. Maureen Molot
Second Vice-President... Lorry Greenberg
Treasurer... Dr. Bernard Dolansky
Honorary Secretary... Lawrence Greenberg
Executive Committee Members-at-Large: Ruth Berger, Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Barbara Farber, A.J. Freiman, Stephen Greenberg, Dr. William James, Vera Klein, Issie Landau, Arnon Vered, Samuel Wex.

Trustees-at-Large
Retiring June, 1990: Linda Nadolny-Cogan, Geraldine Goldstein, Sheila Hartman, Dr. Stanley Labow, Ron Levitan, Dan Mozersky, Morris Presser, Barbara Shore, Stella Toronto, Arnon Vered.

Retiring June, 1991: Vera Klein, Dr. Norman Barwin, Dr. Charles Freedman, Dan Kimmel, Dorothy Nadolny, Carol Greenberg, Moishe Smith, Mark Berlin, Sunny Tavel, Susan Vered.

Retiring June, 1992: Dr. Paul Claman, Susanrah Dalfen, Abe Engel, Calvin Goldman, Roz Kanigsberg, Professor Joseph Magnet, Elissa Lieff-Resnack, Dr. Gary Viner, Lawrence Weinstein, Joel Zagerman.

Synagogue and Organizational Nominees
Adath Shalom: Jack Shinder, Fenja Brodo, Harvey Goldberg.

Agudath Israel: Barbara Farber, Donna Dolansky, Dr. Mark Wolynetz, Gustave Goldmann, Bernard Rosenblatt, Leon Bronstein.

Beth Shalom: Jack Aaron, Ben Greenberg, Barry Baker, Jack Shapiro.

Beth Shalom West: Morris Presser, Robert Dale, Stanley Wilder.

Machzikei Hadas: Stephen Appotive

Temple Israel: Dr. Irving Roodman

Young Israel: Michael Bendel, Tom Caplan

Sisterhoods
Agudath Israel... Marion Mayman
Beth Shalom... Cynthia Blumenthal
Beth Shalom West... Karen Slipacoff
Beth Shalom West... Magda Benedek
Machzikei Hadas... Donna Strauss
Temple Israel... Ann Dover
Young Israel... Brenda Caplan

Rabbis of Congregations
Agudath Israel... Rabbi Arnold Fine
Beth Shalom... Rabbi Saul I. Aranov
Beth Shalom West... Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein
Machzikei Hadas... Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka
Temple Israel... Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum
Young Israel... Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger

U.J.A. Local Beneficiary Agencies
Ottawa Talmud Torah & Hillel Academy... Gerald Levitz
Talmud Torah Afternoon School & Akiva High School... Allan Glenns
Ottawa Modern Jewish School... Steven Mendelsohn
Star of David Hebrew School... Lisa Cogan
Temple Israel Religious School... Aron Spector
Pembroke Talmud Torah... Jeffrey Eisen
Jewish Community Centre... Ralph Kassie
Jewish Community Council... Dr. Eli Rabin
Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth... Aaron Sarna
Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged... Lillian Kimmel
Camp B'nai Brith... Jack Kimmel
Camp Geshet... Richard Zuker
Jewish Students Union-Hillel... Dr. Mayer Alvo
Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges... Alain Goldschlager
Jewish Social Services Agency... Margo Schwartz-Eliany
Tamir Foundation... Margaret Lederman

Organizations
Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage... Dr. Josef Caytak
B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge No. 885... Louis Honigman
B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge No. 2159... David Freeman
B'nai Brith Bytown Lodge No. 3061... Allan Ruckenstein

B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Simcha Chapter #1793... Rosalie Fox
Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation... Maurice Wright
Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education... Martin K. Levinson
Canadian Friends of Ben-Gurion University... Susannah Dalfen
Canadian Friends of Hebrew University... Dorothy Nadolny
Canadian Friends of Technion... Arnon Vered
Canadian Society for Weizmann Institute of Science... Ruth Freiman
Ecole Maimonides... George Adler
Emunah Women of Canada... Molly Sherman
Histadrut League... Hugo Levendel
Israel Cancer Research Fund... Estelle Abelson
Jewish National Fund Council... Robert Gencher
Labour Zionist Council... Marvin Schwartz
Mizrachi Men's Organization... Sol Sherman
Na'Amat Pioneer Women... Ethel Malek
National Council of Jewish Women... Ellen Fathi
Ottawa Chevra Kadisha... Sam Petigorsky
Ottawa Friends of Peace Now... Dr. David Brooks
Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO... Beverly Swedko
Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association... William Grossman
Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged, Women's Auxiliary... Pauline Litwack
Ottawa Torah Institute... Aaron Sarna
Ottawa Women's ORT... Lynn Levitan
Rideauview Golf & Country Club... Sidney Shapiro
State of Israel Bonds... Tom Grossman
State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division... Ethel Taylor

Past Presidents Residing in Ottawa
Gerald Berger... Mervin Mirsky
Hyman Gould... Abe Palmer
Judge Jackie C. Horwitz... Thomas Sachs
Joseph Lieff... Sol B. Shinder
Dr. Harvey Lithwick... Hyman Soloway
Bertram Loeb... Norman Zagerman
David Loeb... Stephen Victor

Standing Committees (not previously listed)
Canada-Israel/Community Relations... Dr. Maureen Molot
Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education... Martin K. Levinson
Holocaust Memorial... Vera Gara
Honorary Counsel... Lawrence Weinstein
Hy Hochberg Memorial Lecture... Avraham Iny
Jewish Community Campus... Arnon Vered
Jewish Community Cemeteries... Israel Shinder
Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers... Naomi Cracower
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin... Mark Max
Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation... Issie Landau
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society... Ben Karp
Personnel... Dr. Eli Rabin
Planning, Priorities & Budget... Samuel Wex
Ind. & Group Services... Andrew Katz
Jewish Education... Richard Zuker
Council on Services to the Jewish Senior Adult... John Jackson
Human Resources Development... Charles Merovitz
Young Leadership Development... Robert Greenberg
Audit... Issie Landau
Grants... Dr. William James
Long Range Campaign Planning... Susannah Dalfen
Multiple Campaigns Appeal Committee... Lawrence Greenberg
Jewish Continuity and Identity... Charles Merovitz
Teen Trips to Israel... Mark Berlin
Future Capital Requirements Campaign Committee... Stephen Victor
Project Renewal... A.J. Freiman
Religious and Inter-Synagogue... Dr. Sidney Kardash
Shalom Ottawa... Marion Silver
Shalom Welcome Service... Ann Goldberg,
Beryl Ben-Reuven
Soviet Jewry... Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
Sunny Tavel
U.J.A. Collections... Sid Rothman
United Jewish Appeal... Stephen Greenberg

United Jewish Appeal, Women's Division... Vera Klein
Women's Federation... Ruth Berger
Jewish Teen Leadership Council... Shelly Samel
JSU — Hillel — Carleton U. — Steve Greenwood
Ottawa U. — Andy Jenicek

Liaison — Local Agencies:
Camp B'nai Brith... George Caplan
Ottawa Talmud Torah Board... Ruth Freiman,
Ellen Cherney,
Roz Kanigsberg,
Myra Aronson.

Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged... Dr. Ron Vexler,
Noreen Bosloy.

Jewish Social Services Agency... Elissa Lieff-Resnack
J.S.U. Hillel... Rabbi Saul Aranov,
Zelda Roodman,
Dr. Mayer Alvo,
Rebecca Zuckerbrodt.

Jewish Community Centre... Ron Cherney

Ottawa School Board Multiculturalism... Dr. Walter Hendelman,
Fern Callan.

Liaison — National Agencies:
U.I.A. of Canada, Board of Directors... Norman Zagerman,
Stephen Victor, Stephen Greenberg,
Lorry Greenberg, Roslyn Kimmel, Zeev Vered, Herbert Nadolny, Vera Klein,
Morris Presser, Dr. Eli Rabin, Lionel Shinder, Moishe Smith, Lawrence Soloway.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Officers... Dr. Eli Rabin,
Stephen Victor, National Capital District,
Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Ontario Region.

Canadian Jewish Congress, National Executive... Stephen Victor,

Gerald Berger, Dr. Eli Rabin

National Budgeting Conference... Stephen Victor,
Gerald Berger, Dr. Eli Rabin

Council of Jewish Federations... Stephen Victor,
Gerald Berger, Dr. Eli Rabin

Canada-Israel Committee Board... Stephen Victor

J.I.A.S. Committee... Ricki Baker

Staff — Jewish Community Council
Gerry Koffman... Executive Director
Aryeh Meir... Director of Community Planning
Josie Finestone... Director of Community Relations
Keith Jeacle... Controller
Laura Greenberg... Assistant Controller
Celia Abraham... Accounting
Cynthia Engel... Editor,
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Alyce Baker... Business Manager,
Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Shirley MacCallum... Executive Secretary

Abe Nadrich... Clerk

Half-Time Associate
Shirley Berman... History & Archives

Staff — United Jewish Appeal

Neil Silvert... Director, Campaign Services

Pauline Pankowski... Director,
Women's Division UJA and Women's Federation

Howard Goldberg... Director,
Campaign Administration

Kayla Mallay... Secretary

Tracy Stark Cameron... Secretary

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

Published bi-weekly by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa
Ottawa Vaad Hachai, 151 Chace St. Ottawa K1N 7Y2 (Tel. 453-2377/2306)

<p>Jewish Community Council Officers</p> <p>Stephen Victor, Q.C., Past President Dr. Eli Rabin, President Dr. Maureen Molot, First Vice President Lorry Greenberg, Second Vice President Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Treasurer Gerry Koffman, Executive Director</p>	<p>Bulletin Committee:</p> <p>Mark Max, Chairman Myra Aronson Milton Bloom Ruth Kanigsberg</p>
<p>Editor: Cynthia Engel Business Manager: Alyce Baker</p>	

The Bulletin cannot vouch for the authenticity of the products or establishments advertised in this publication unless they have the certification of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth or other rabbinic authority recognized by the Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth.